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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Neil Chatterjee, Chairman;
Richard Glick and Bernard L. McNamee.

City of Clarksville, Tennessee

Docket No. CP14-101-000

ORDER VACATING CERTIFICATE

(Issued October 3, 2019)

1. On October 9, 2014, the Commission authorized the City of Clarksville, Tennessee (Clarksville) under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act¹ to construct and operate a 20.8-mile pipeline to serve as a second feed to Clarksville's local distribution operations.² On August 8, 2019, Clarksville filed a motion asking the Commission to vacate the authorization granted in the October 2014 Order, stating that due to the increased cost of the project, it no longer intends to pursue the pipeline project. As discussed below, the Commission will grant Clarksville's request and vacate the certificate issued in this proceeding.

Background

2. Clarksville originally proposed to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline from an interconnection with Texas Gas Transmission, LLC (Texas Gas) in Elkton, Kentucky, to an interconnection with Clarksville's distribution facilities northeast of Clarksville, Tennessee, to add a second supply feed into its distribution system. The certificate issued required that the facilities approved in the order be constructed and placed in service within one year of the order's issuance. That time period has been extended many times pursuant to Clarksville's requests, most recently granting an extension of time until January 1, 2020, to complete construction.³ No construction has begun under its certificate. Clarksville considers its project no longer economically feasible and, consequently, requests that the certificate be vacated.

¹ 15 U.S.C. § 717f (c) (2018).

² *City of Clarksville, Tennessee*, 149 FERC ¶ 61,022 (2014).

³ See Letter Order issued December 15, 2017.

Discussion

3. The Commission will vacate the certificate, as requested. No construction has begun under the certificate, and Clarksville no longer intends to construct the facilities authorized under the certificate. Because the project was intended to connect Clarksville's local distribution system to a second supply source in order increase system reliability, rather than to increase capacity to serve existing or new customers, no customers will be impacted or any service terminated. Further, no party has objected to Clarksville's request. Under these circumstances, the Commission will vacate the existing certificate authorization.

The Commission orders:

The certificate authority issued in this proceeding is vacated.

By the Commission.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.