

171 FERC ¶ 61,096
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

Texas Gas Transmission, LLC

Docket No. CP15-513-000

ORDER VACATING IN PART CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZATION

(Issued May 6, 2020)

1. On March 24, 2016, the Commission issued an order authorizing Texas Gas Transmission, LLC (Texas Gas) to construct a new compressor station in Ohio and modify eight existing compressor stations to provide an additional 384,000 million British thermal units (MMBtu) per day of firm transportation service as part of its Northern Supply Access Project.¹ The 2016 Certificate Order required Texas Gas to complete and place all project facilities into service by March 24, 2018. Commission staff has since granted Texas Gas two extensions of time, giving Texas Gas until March 24, 2020, to complete construction and place the facilities in service.²
2. On April 3, 2020, Texas Gas filed a motion requesting that the Commission partially vacate the 2016 Certificate Order authorizations for portions of the project it no longer intends to construct. Texas Gas notes that it has placed in service facilities necessary to provide 284,000 MMBtu per day of firm transportation service,³ which equates to the volume of firm transportation contracts signed for the project, but has been

¹ *Texas Gas Transmission, LLC*, 154 FERC ¶ 61,235 (2016) (2016 Certificate Order).

² Commission Staff October 19, 2017 Order Granting Extension of Time; Commission Staff March 26, 2019 Order Granting Extension of Time.

³ Texas Gas has constructed and placed in service one Solar Mars 100 compressor unit at the new Crosby (formerly Harrison) Compressor Station in Hamilton County, Ohio, and yard and station piping modifications at six of the eight existing compressor stations to allow for bi-directional flow. Texas Gas March 2, 2017 In-Service Notification at 1.

unable to market the remaining 100,000 MMBtu per day of unsubscribed capacity.⁴ Specifically, Texas Gas states that it will no longer construct: (1) a 9,688 horsepower (hp) Solar Taurus 70 compressor unit at the new Crosby Compressor Station in Hamilton County, Ohio; (2) gas cooling equipment at the Dillsboro Compressor Station in Dearborn County, Indiana; (3) a 9,688 hp replacement Solar Taurus 70 compressor unit at the Bastrop Compressor Station in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana;⁵ and (4) yard and station piping modifications to provide bi-directional flow capabilities at the Clarksdale Compressor Station in Coahoma County, Mississippi.

3. Because Texas Gas no longer intends to construct the above facilities, we will vacate, in part, the authorizations granted in the 2016 Certificate Order.⁶

The Commission orders:

The certificate authorization issued to Texas Gas in the March 24, 2016 order is vacated, in part, as described above.

By the Commission.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

⁴ See 2016 Certificate Order, 154 FERC ¶ 61,235 at P 8. When Texas Gas initially filed its application for the project, all 384,000 MMBtu of proposed service was subscribed under precedent agreements. Subsequently, prior to issuance of the 2016 Certificate Order, Texas Gas informed the Commission that one shipper had filed for bankruptcy and was no longer expected to sign a firm transportation agreement.

⁵ Because Texas Gas no longer plans to construct this replacement unit, it also will not reclassify existing compressor units Nos. 2 through 5 (totaling 7,040 hp) as back-up units at the Bastrop Compressor Station.

⁶ We note that Texas Gas's authorization to construct and operate the remaining facilities expired on March 24, 2020, when its last extension of time ended.