

149 FERC ¶ 61,055
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Cheryl A. LaFleur, Chairman;
Philip D. Moeller, Tony Clark,
and Norman C. Bay.

East Cheyenne Gas Storage, LLC

Docket Nos. CP10-34-000
CP11-40-000

ORDER VACATING CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZATION IN PART

(Issued October 20, 2014)

1. On August 2, 2010, the Commission granted East Cheyenne Gas Storage, LLC (East Cheyenne) certificate authorization under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)¹ to construct and operate the East Cheyenne Gas Storage Project using areas of the D Sands and J Sands of the West Peetz and Lewis Creek fields in Logan County, Colorado.² East Cheyenne has completed construction of most of the authorized facilities and commenced service on December 6, 2011.

2. In an application filed on September 18, 2014, East Cheyenne states that it has decided to indefinitely postpone development of the J Sands of the Lewis Creek field for gas storage based on its conclusion that there is the potential for continued enhanced oil recovery from the Lewis Creek field's J Sands. Therefore, East Cheyenne requests that the Commission vacate the certificate authority to construct and operate: (i) one of the four 4,735-horsepower compressor units certificated for the project; (ii) the two injection/withdrawal (I/W) wells certificated for construction in the J Sands portion of the Lewis Creek field (I/W wells LC-J001 and LC-J002); and (iii) facilities appurtenant thereto, including metering and other ancillary facilities, approximately 1 mile of 24-inch natural gas mainline pipeline extending from the Process Facility to I/W well LC-J002,

¹ 15 U.S.C. § 717f(c) (2012).

² *East Cheyenne Gas Storage, LLC*, 132 FERC ¶ 61,097 (2010) (August 2 Order). See also *East Cheyenne Gas Storage, LLC*, 135 FERC ¶ 61,021 (2011) (amending certificate authorization to increase number of injection/withdrawal wells), and 148 FERC ¶ 62,138 (2014).

and approximately 0.3 mile of 12-inch natural gas lateral pipeline connecting the Lewis Creek mainline with I/W well LC-J001.³ East Cheyenne states that these changes will not adversely affect service to any customer.

3. In view of the above considerations, the Commission will vacate East Cheyenne's certificate authorization to construct and operate facilities to provide storage service using the J Sands of the Lewis Creek field.

The Commission orders:

East Cheyenne's certificate authorization to construct and operate the East Cheyenne Gas Storage Project is vacated, in part, as discussed herein and as described in East Cheyenne's application.

By the Commission.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

³ East Cheyenne's certificated working gas capacities and other operating parameters for the West Peetz and Lewis Creek fields have already been amended to take into account the fact that East Cheyenne has not developed the Lewis Creek field's J Sands for gas storage. *See East Cheyenne Gas Storage, LLC*, 148 FERC ¶ 62,138, at 64,443 (2014).