

155 FERC ¶ 61,135  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

Texas Eastern Transmission, LP

Docket No. CP13-514-000

ORDER VACATING ABANDONMENT AUTHORIZATION IN PART

(Issued May 3, 2016)

1. On February 16, 2016, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) filed a motion requesting that the Commission partially vacate the abandonment authority granted in a delegated order issued by the Office of Energy Projects on October 31, 2013.<sup>1</sup> That order authorized Texas Eastern to abandon approximately 750 facilities, including 550 metering and regulating facilities and approximately 200 sections of pipeline, which were no longer in service and for which Texas Eastern had been unable to locate records to determine the facilities' regulatory status. After the issuance of the 2013 Order, however, Texas Eastern found records showing that two pipeline segments had already been abandoned and determined that two other pipeline segments had not yet been abandoned contrary to statements in the 2013 Order. As a result, Texas Eastern now seeks to partially vacate the 2013 Order as to these four segments.
2. Specifically, Texas Eastern found records showing that a 0.64-mile segment of 30-inch-diameter Line 16 located in Harris County, Texas, was abandoned in place to accommodate work on the Houston Ship Channel.<sup>2</sup> Similarly, Texas Eastern also found records showing that a 0.33-mile segment of 14-inch-diameter Line 22 located in Goliad County, Texas, was abandoned in place as part of an emergency replacement project caused by flooding on the San Antonio River.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Texas Eastern Transmission, LP*, 145 FERC ¶ 62,074 (2013) (2013 Order).

<sup>2</sup> See *2001 Annual Blanket Report of Activities*, Docket No. CP01-336-000 (May 1, 2001); *Texas Eastern's Request for Authorization of Blanket Activity*, Docket No. CP00-109-000 (Mar. 6, 2000).

<sup>3</sup> See *2003 Annual Blanket Report of Activities*, Docket No. CP03-246-000 (May 1, 2003).

3. Texas Eastern also determined that two pipeline segments – a 1.18-mile segment of 3-inch-diameter Line 16-D in Hidalgo County, Texas, and a 2.57-mile segment of 3-inch-diameter Line 21-R located in DeWitt County, Texas – have not been physically abandoned. Instead, Texas Eastern states that Lines 16-D and 21-R will require construction activities prior to abandonment. Thus, Texas Eastern proposes that the Commission vacate the 2013 Order with respect to Lines 16-D and 21-R and allow it to pursue abandonment of these lines, if necessary, under Texas Eastern’s existing blanket certificate authority or by seeking the Commission’s abandonment authority at a later date.

4. In view of these changed circumstances, we will partially vacate the 2013 Order with respect to the four pipeline segments discussed above.

5. The Commission on its own motion received and made part of the record in this proceeding all evidence, including the application, and exhibits thereto, and all comments and upon consideration of the record,

The Commission orders:

The abandonment authority issued to Texas Eastern in the 2013 Order in Docket No. CP13-514-000 is vacated, in part, as discussed above.

By the Commission.

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Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.