UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ECONOMIC REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION



PAC INDONESIA LNG COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 77-001-LNG

WESTERN LNG TERMINAL
ASSOCIATES

CP74-160, CP74-207

CP75-83-3)

ORDER DENYING UNITED'S AND INGAA'S AND GRANTING THE CONCERNED CITIZENS OF SANTA BARBARA, ET AL.'S PETITIONS TO INTERVENE

United Gas Pipe Line Company (United), the Interstate
Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA), and the Concerned
Citizens of Santa Barbara and the Environmental Defense
Network of Santa Barbara (Concerned Citizens) have petitioned
to intervene out of time in this proceeding. United and
INGAA's petitions were filed on January 30, 1978, along with
petitions for rehearing. The Concerned Citizens' petition
was filed with the Federal Power Commission on September 13,
1977.

United owns and operates a pipeline system located in several states and is an applicant, along with El Paso
Natural Gas Company (El Paso), in another proceeding pending before us, El Paso Eastern Co., et al., Docket No. 77-006LNG. El Paso was earlier granted permission to intervene

and has filed a petition for rehearing. United, however, has failed to show how it will be directly affected by the decision in this case or why its concerns cannot be more than adequately represented by the existing parties, including El Paso. United's interest in this proceeding, which seems remote at best, does not justify intervention at this stage.

INGAA is a recognized association of the vital natural gas pipeline industry (several of whose individual members are already participants in this proceeding). INGAA's views on matters of policy should be carefully considered; yet it too has failed to justify party status at this late date.

Therefore, United's and INGAA's petitions for leave to intervene out of time are denied. Their respective petitions for rehearing will be considered, however, as if presented by an <u>amicus curiae</u> in an appellate proceeding.

The Concerned Citizens moved to intervene at a much earlier stage. Their petition to intervene was inadvertently not discussed in the December 30, 1977, Opinion, but it was our intention to allow intervention at that time.

Therefore, the Concerned Citizens' petition to intervene out of time is granted, subject to the conditions set forth in paragraph V, page 63 of the Opinion and Order dated December 30, 1977.

David J. Bardin Administrator

Economic Regulatory Administration

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Dated: