

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP98-52-004]

**Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.;
Notice of Filing of Refund Report**

May 21, 1998.

Take notice that on May 18, 1998, William Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams), tendered for filing its refund report of Kansas *ad valorem* taxes.

Williams states that this filing is being made in compliance with Commission order issued September 10, 1997 in Docket Nos. RP97-369-000, *et al.* The September 10 order requires first sellers to make refunds for the period October 3, 1983 through June 28, 1988. The Commission also directed that pipelines file a report concerning their activities to collect and flow through refunds of the taxes at issue.

Williams states that a copy of its filing was served on all of Williams' jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before May 28, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP98-544-000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

May 21, 1998.

Take notice that on May 13, 1998, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), filed in Docket No. CP98-544-000 a request pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to construct a replacement of the

Yellowstone River pipeline crossing in Dawson County, Montana, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Williston Basin requests authority to construct a replacement of the Yellowstone River pipeline crossing located on its line section 5, between the Cabin Creek compressor plant and the Morgan Creek compressor plant, in Dawson County, Montana. Williston Basin states that the crossing will be constructed under the Yellowstone River through a directional bore and will consist of approximately 1,931 feet of 16-inch pipeline, and that approximately 50 feet of 16-inch pipeline will be trenched in at both the bore entry and exist locations to connect the crossing to Williston Basin's existing line section 5. Williston Basin states that the installation of the new pipeline crossing will allow it to maintain the original capacity, integrity, operational flexibility, and reliability of line section 5 on Williston Basin's pipeline system. Williston Basin estimates the cost to replace the Yellowstone River pipeline crossing to be \$463,301.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before June 11, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every

other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Williston Basin to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 6559-014]

**H. Bruce Cox; Notice of Availability of
Draft Environmental Assessment**

May 21, 1998.

A draft environmental assessment (DEA) is available for public review.

The DEA is for the proposed revocation of the exemption from licensing for the Cox Lake Dam Project. The DEA finds that the proposed revocation would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Cox Lake Dam Project is located on the Deep River, in Randolph County, North Carolina, near the town of Cedar Falls.

The DEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the DEA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371.

Please submit any comments on the DEA within 40 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports, or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation. Comments should be addressed to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix Project No. 6559-014 to all comments.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Filed With the Commission

May 21, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Approval of Minimum Flows to Ensure Protection of Fishery and Wildlife Resources, Maintenance of Water Quality, and Accommodation of Downstream Recreational Activities.

b. *Project Nos:* 2692-018, 2686-018, & 2698-016.

c. *Date Filed:* April 1, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* Nantahala Power and Light Company.

e. *Names of Projects:* Nantahala, West Fork, & East Fork Hydroelectric Projects.

f. *Location:* Clay and Jackson Counties, North Carolina.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Richard Conley, Nantahala Power and Light Company, 301 NP&L Loop, Franklin, NC 28734, (704) 369-4513.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jean Potvin, (202) 219-0022.

j. *Comment Date:* July 2, 1998.

k. *Description of Project:* The licensee has filed for approval of the "Nantahala & Tuckasegee Projects Settlement Agreement." This agreement proposes a minimum instantaneous flow into the East and West Forks of the Tuckasegee River and would require the licensee to provide money to the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service for rehabilitation of outlet works as mitigation for the Wolf Creek bypass. The licensee would install and maintain calibrated staff gages on the West and East Forks of the Tuckasegee River. The settlement agreement proposes stopping diversions from Dicks Creek. The licensee would release from the White Oak pipeline into Dicks Creek from July to November. Finally, the agreement proposes the minimum flows for recreation, fishery and wildlife resources, and water quality downstream of the Nantahala Project.

1. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS," "PROTESTS", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly

from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent to File an Application for a New License

May 21, 1998.

a. *Type of filing:* Notice of Intent to File An Application for a New License.

b. *Project No.:* 5044.

c. *Date filed:* April 28, 1998.

d. *Submitted By:* Avondale Mills, Inc., current licensee.

e. *Name of Project:* Sibley Mill Project.

f. *Location:* On the Augusta Canal of the Savannah River, in the City of Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Effective date of current license:* April 1, 1953.

i. *Expiration date of current license:* March 31, 2003.

j. *The project consists of:* (1) intake works, including four steel diversion gates and a 280-foot-long headrace; (2) three generating units with a total installed capacity of 2,475 kW located inside the Sibley Mill structure; (3) a 350-foot-long, 30-foot-wide, 38-foot-deep open tailrace; and (4) appurtenant facilities.

k. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.7, information on the project is available at: Avondale Mills, Engineering Department, 2 Hickman Street, Graniteville, SC 29829, (803) 663-2334.

l. FERC contact: Tom Dean (202) 219-2778.

m. Pursuant to CFR 16.9 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by March 31, 2001.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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