

capacity of Line K is approximately 45,000 Mcf per day. National Fuel estimates the cost of the project to be \$784,800. In connection with this replacement project, National Fuel proposes to abandon approximately 2,735 feet of the existing pipeline. National Fuel explains that 1,529 feet of pipe will be removed with an additional 1,206 feet of pipe being abandoned in place. National Fuel states that removal of these facilities will not affect service to existing markets. National Fuel estimates the cost of abandoning the line to be \$10,000. National Fuel states that the facilities will be financed with internally-generated funds and/or interim short-term bank loans.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 20, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., 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 National Fuel to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-901-000]

Sierra Pacific Power Company; Notice of Filing

December 30, 1997.

Take notice that on November 26, 1997, Sierra Pacific Power Company (Sierra), filed an amendment to the unexecuted Network Service Agreement with the Truckee Donner Public Utility District that Sierra Pacific previously filed in the above-referenced docket on July 2, 1997.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of

Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests must be filed on or before January 9, 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of the filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2017-011]

Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Extension of Time

December 30, 1997.

At the scoping meeting for the Big Creek No. 4 Project, P-2017, held on December 16, 1997, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) requested an extension of time to file written comments regarding Scoping Document 1 (SD1), issued November 13, 1997, in the above-docketed proceeding. Several other parties at the meeting, including the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), concurred that additional time is required to complete their review of SD1 and prepare their written comments.

Upon consideration, notice is hereby given that all interested parties, including the USFS and the CDFG, are granted an extension of time to February 20, 1998, to file comments.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-152-000]

U-T Offshore System; Notice of Application for a Blanket Certificate

December 30, 1997.

Take notice that on December 22, 1997, U-T Offshore System (UTOS), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, MI 48243, filed in Docket No. CP98-152-000 an

application for a Blanket Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under Subpart F Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations requesting authority to engage in the activity described in Section 157.203 of the Commission's Regulations, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said motion should on or before January 20, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 384.214 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. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-148-000]

Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

December 30, 1997.

Take notice that on December 19, 1997, Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed in Docket No. CP98-148-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216) for authorization to abandon in place by sale to Western Resources, Inc. (WRI), approximately 3,246 feet of 2-inch lateral pipeline and to relocate and replace the WRI Richmond town border meter setting and appurtenant facilities, located in Franklin County, Kansas, under WNG's blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP82-479-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with

the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, WNG seeks authorization to: (1) Abandon in place by sale to WRI approximately 3,246 feet of the Richmond 2-inch lateral pipeline beginning in Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, Franklin County, Kansas and ending in Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 19 East, Franklin County, Kansas, (2) reclaim the WRI Richmond town border meter setting and appurtenant facilities from Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 19 East, Franklin County, Kansas, and (3) install a new rotary meter setting and high pressure regulator setting at the site of the existing regulator setting in Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, Franklin County, Kansas.

WNG states that selling the pipeline, replacing and relocating the town border meter setting will allow WRI to receive gas at this location at a higher delivery pressure in order to accommodate a proposed housing subdivision in the area. WNG states that the most recent annual volume through the Richmond town border setting was 27,222 Dth with a peak day volume of 259 Dth and that no significant change in volume is expected immediately. WNG states that the cost to replace and relocate the Richmond town border meter setting is estimated to be \$127,435.

WNG states that the four domestic customers located on the pipeline to be sold to WRI that are currently billed and served by WRI will continue to be served by WRI after the abandonment.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to § 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2100-083]

California Department of Water Resources; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

December 30, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) Regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed an application for a temporary modification in the minimum flow requirement at the Themalito Afterbay Outlet (Outlet) of the Feather River Hydroelectric Project, Project No. 2100-083. The project is located on the Feather River, Butte County, California. Based on an agreement with state and federal resource agencies, the licensee wishes to temporarily reduce flows at the Outlet to 1,500 cfs for a maximum of 75 days, from January 1 through March 15, 1998, to help recover water supply lost due to actions taken in spring 1997 to help fish. The agreement also calls for the licensee to increase flows to the low flow channel of the Feather River from 600 to 900 cfs from October 15, 1997 through February 28, 1998. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for the application. The EA finds that approving the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of New Docket Prefix IC

December 30, 1997.

Notice is hereby given that a new docket prefix IC has been established for notices issued by the Commission on its information collection requirements. These notices announce the Commission's efforts to have public