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Linwood A. Watson, Jr.

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-380-000]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

May 5, 1999.

Take notice that on April 29, 1999, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (WNG), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP99-380-000, pursuant to Section 157.205 and 157.216 (b) of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to abandon by reclaim facilities used for the receipt of gas from 1988 C.R.C. E.P.P. (CRCEPP), in Rice County, Kansas, under the blanket authorization issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. "This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

WNG states that the setting has been inactive since March 1998 and that CRCEPP has removed its facilities from the site.

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 section 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 therefore, 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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 2692-018, 2686-018, & 2698-016]

Nantahala Power & Light Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

May 5, 1999.

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 FR 47897), the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the Nantahala & Tuckasegee Projects Settlement agreement (settlement agreement) setting minimum flows for the three above named projects. The settlement agreement was signed by the licensee, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USFS), and the United States Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The Nantahala Hydroelectric Project is located on the Nantahala River in the Counties of Macon and Clay, North Carolina. The West Fork Project is located on the West Fork of the Tuckasegee River in Jackson County, North Carolina. The East Fork Project is located on the East Fork of the Tuckasegee River in Jackson County, North Carolina. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared, and the EA finds that approving the settlement agreement would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA are available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located in Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The EA may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm>. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 2004-073 and 11607-000]

Holyoke Water Power Company and Holyoke Gas & Electric Department, Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant, and Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company; Notice of Intent to Conduct Public Meeting to Discuss the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Relicensing of the Holyoke Project on the Connecticut River

May 5, 1999.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is reviewing the Holyoke Water Power Company's application for a new license for the continued operation of the Holyoke Project on the Connecticut River, Massachusetts. The Commission is similarly reviewing a competing application for the Holyoke Project by the Holyoke Gas & Electric Department, the Ashburnham Municipal light Plant, and the Massachusetts Municipal, Wholesale, Electric Company. On April 16, 1999, the Commission staff mailed the draft Environmental Impact Statement draft (EIS) to the Environmental Protection Agency, resource agencies, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other interested individuals. The draft EIS evaluates the environmental consequences of the proposed relicensing to the Holyoke Project.

The Commission staff will hold a public meeting on May 26, 1999, in the City of Holyoke. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the draft EIS, the draft EIS findings, and the Commission staff's recommendations. At the meeting, the Commission staff will summarize the status of the relicensing proceeding(s), as well as the major draft EIS findings and recommendations. We

invite all interested agencies, NGOs, and individuals to attend the meeting. The time and location of the meeting is shown below.

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 1999

Time: 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn, 245 Whiting Farms Road, Holyoke, MA 01040

The meeting will be recorded by a court reporter, and all statements (oral and written) will become part of the Commission's public record for the project. Before the meeting starts, all individuals who attend, will be asked to identify themselves by signing in. Individuals that intend to make statements during the meeting will be asked to sign in and clearly identify themselves for the record prior to speaking. Time allotted for presentations will be determined by staff based on the length of the meeting and the number of people wanting to speak. All individuals wishing to speak will be provided at least five minutes to present their views.

Interested parties who choose not to speak, or who are unable to attend the public meeting, may provide written comments to the Commission until June 7, 1999. Written comments should be submitted to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The first page of all filings should indicate "Holyoke Project, FERC. No. 2004-073" and/or "Holyoke Project, FERC. No 11607-000" at the top of the page. All filings sent to the Secretary of the Commission should contain an original and eight copies. Failure to file an original and eight copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefit of our comments in a timely manner. Furthermore, participants in this proceeding are reminded that if they file comments with the Commission, they must serve a copy of their filing to the parties on the Commission's service list.

For further information, please contact Allan Creamer at (202) 219-0365, or by E-mail at allan.creamer@ferc.fed.us.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Transfer of Licenses and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

May 5, 1999.

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

a. *Application Type:* Transfer of Licenses.

b. Project Nos.: (1) 13-009, (2) 2047-005, (3) 2060-006, ((4) 2084-021, (5) 2318-005, (6) 2320-014, (7) 2330-035, (8) 2474-007, (9) 2482-023, (10) 2539-009, (11) 2554-005, (12) 2569-038, (13) 2616-011, (14) 2641-003, (15) 2645-077, (16) 2696-009,¹ (17) 2701-029, (18) 2713-041, (19) 2837-007, (20) 3452-007, (21) 5984-027, (22) 7320-011, (23) 7321-008, (24) 7387-007, (25) 7518-002, (26) 9222-017, (27) 10461-004, (28) 10462-004, and (29) 11408-021.

c. *Date Filed:* February 8, 1999, *Date Amended:* April 14, 1999.

d. *Applicants:* Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NIMO) and Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. (Erie).

e. *Name and Location of Projects:* (1) Green Island: Hudson River in Albany County, New York; (2) Stewarts Bridge: Sacandaga River in Saratoga County, New York; (3) Carry Falls: Raquette River in St. Lawrence County, New York; (4) Upper Raquette River: Raquette River in St. Lawrence County, New York; (5) E.J. West: Sacandaga River in Saratoga County, New York; (6) Middle Raquette River: Raquette River in St. Lawrence County, New York; (7) Lower Raquette River: Raquette River in St. Lawrence County, New York; (8) Oswego River: Oswego River in Oswego County, New York; (9) Hudson River: Hudson River in Warren, Saratoga, and Washington Counties, New York; (10) School Street: Mohawk River in Albany and Saratoga Counties, New York; (11) Feeder Dam: Hudson River in Saratoga County, New York; (12) Black River: Black River in Jefferson County, New York; (13) Hossic River: Hossic River in Rensselaer County, New York; (14) Feeder Dam Transmission Line: Saratoga County, New York; (15) Beaver River: Beaver River in Lewis and Herkimer Counties, New York; (16) Stuyvesant Falls: Kinderhook Creek in Columbia County, New York; (17) West Canada Creek: West Canada Creek in

Oneida and Herkimer Counties, New York; (18) Oswegatchie River: Oswegatchie River in St. Lawrence County, New York; (19) Granby: Oswego River in Oswego County, New York; (20) Oak Orchard: New York State Barge Canal in Orleans County, New York; (21) Oswego Falls: Oswego River in Oswego and Onondaga Counties, New York; (22) Chasm: Salmon River in Franklin County, New York; (23) Macomb: Salmon River in Franklin County, New York; (24) Piercefield: Raquette River in St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, New York; (25) Hogansburg: St. Regis River in Franklin County, New York; (26) Yaleville: Raquette River in St. Lawrence County, New York; (27) Parishville: St. Regis River in St. Lawrence County, New York; (28) Allen Falls: St. Regis River in St. Lawrence County, New York; and (29) Salmon River: Salmon River in Oswego County, New York.

The Green Island Project uses the Corps of Engineers' Troy Lock and Dam and is partially located on federal lands but no tribal lands. The other projects do not utilize federal or tribal lands.

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

g. *Applicant Contracts:* For NIMO: Margaret Fabic, Esq., Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, 300 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, New York 13202, (315) 428-6593, and Stephen C. Palmer, Esq., Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP, 3000 K Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20007, (202) 424-7500; For Erie: W. Thaddeus Miller, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P., c/o Orion Power Holdings, Inc., 111 Market Place, Suite 520, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, (410) 468-3692, and Mitchell F. Hertz, Esq., Kirkland & Ellis, 655 15th Street, NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 879-5270.

h. *FERC Contact:* Regina Saizan, (202) 219-2673, or e-mail address: regina.saizan@ferc.fed.us.

i. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions:* June 9, 1999.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Please include the Project Number (0013-009, et al.) on any comments or motions filed.

j. The transfer of the licenses for these projects to Erie is being sought in connection with the divestiture by NIMO of certain generation and other assets. The sale and transfer of these hydroelectric generating assets effectuates, in part, New York State's efforts to restructure its Electric utility industry and NIMO's comprehensive

¹ An application to surrender the license for Project No. 2696 was filed on May 17, 1996. The surrender of the license became effective on February 17, 1999 (86 FERC ¶ 62,135).