

Colockum Transmission Company, Inc. filed standards of conduct under Order Nos. 889 *et seq.*¹

Comment date: October 12, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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 these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4055-024 Idaho]

Vernon Ravenscroft; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

September 27, 1999.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application requesting the Commission's authorization to amend the Ravenscroft Ranch Project's exemption. The amendment would increase the crest elevation of the canal spillway by six inches and the height of the operating

penstock intake structures by two feet and would also increase the operating water level on the project canal by six inches. The Ravenscroft Ranch Project is located on the Malad River, in Gooding County, Idaho.

The Office of Hydropower Licensing has prepared a final Environmental Assessment (FEA) finding that approval of the proposed amendment would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the FEA can be viewed at the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The FEA also may be viewed on the Web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. For further information, please contact Sean Murphy at (202) 219-2974.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-284-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Index 1 Pipeline and Laterals Abandonment Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

September 27, 1999.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Index 1 Pipeline and Laterals Abandonment Project by Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch) in Kaufman, Dallas and Tarrant Counties, Texas.¹ The project would involve abandonment of about 101.6 miles of various diameter pipeline and appurtenances. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Koch Gateway pipeline Company (Koch) wants to abandon in place its Index 1 Pipeline System and

appurtenant facilities in Kaufman, Dallas, and Tarrant Counties, Texas because continued operation and maintenance of the pipeline system is neither economically feasible nor desirable due to the age of the pipeline and U.S. Department of Transportation class locations changes resulting from adjacent development. Koch seeks authority to:

- abandon in place about 72.4 miles of 10-, 16-, 18-, and 20-inch-diameter Index 1 pipeline in Kaufman, Dallas, and Tarrant Counties, Texas;
- abandon in place the following lateral pipelines totaling about 29.2 miles in Dallas and Tarrant Counties, Texas:
 - 7.3 miles of 12-inch-diameter Index 1-31 pipeline;
 - 0.9 miles of 18-inch-diameter Index 1-32 pipeline;
 - 5.6 miles of 20-inch-diameter Index 1-37 pipeline;
 - 10.6 miles of 16-inch-diameter Index 4 pipeline;
 - 4.7 miles of 20-inch-diameter Index 6 pipeline; and
 - 0.1 miles of 4-inch-diameter Index 808 pipeline.
- Replace and run pigs at 39 launching and receiving facilities on the pipelines proposed for abandonment; and
- abandon by removal appurtenant facilities consisting of 6 meter stations, 39 blow-off assemblies, 12 by-pass valves, 15 block valves, 8 tap valves, 40 segments of pipeline of various diameters totaling about 429 feet, about 1,690 feet of pipeline of various diameters at four waterbody crossings, 63 farm taps, 5 industrial taps, and certain other minor facilities.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Installation and operation of the pig launching and receiving facilities, the cutting and capping of the pipelines proposed for abandonment in place, and abandonment by removal of the appurtenant facilities would require the digging of about 48 bell-holes of various sizes, that would disturb a total of about 0.32 acre on existing Koch right-of-way. Upon the grant of abandonment, all project related rights-of-way would revert to the landowners.

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC, 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

¹ Open Access Same-Time Information System (Formerly Real-Time Information network) and Standards of Conduct, 61 FR 21737 (May 10, 1996), FERC Stats. & Regs., Regulations Preambles January 1991-1996 ¶ 31,035 (April 24, 1996); Order No. 889-A, *order on rehearing*, 62 FR 12484 (March 14, 1997), III FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,049 (March 4, 1997); Order No. 889-B, *rehearing denied*, 62 FR 64715 (December 9, 1997), III FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,253 (November 25, 1997).

¹ Koch's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests the public comments on the scope of the issue sit will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Soils.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Hazardous waste.
- Land use.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Cultural resources.
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

Currently Identified Environmental Issue

We have already identified an issue that we think deserves attention based

on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Koch. Additional issues may arise based on your comments and our analysis.

- If the Commission grants Koch its request for abandonment authority, the leases upon which the rights-of-way are located would revert to the landowners. Therefore, we will also evaluate whether or not Koch should abandon its facilities in-place or by removal.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send Two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP98-284-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before October 27, 1999.

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Information Request (appendix 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to

Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 3). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention.

You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered. Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Applications for Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

September 27, 1999.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

- a. *Applications Type:* Transfer of License.
- b. *Project Nos.:* 1889-034, 2485-012, 2576-023, 2597-018, and 2662-004.
- c. *Dated Filed:* August 31, 1999.
- d. *Applicants:* The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P)—transferor for projects nos. 2576-023, 2597-018, 2662-004, and co-transferor for project