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David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER00-1675-000 and ER00-1676-000 (Not Consolidated)]

Reliant Energy Desert Basin, LLC, Fulton Cogeneration Associates, L.P.; Notice of Issuance of Order

April 13, 2000.

Reliant Energy Desert Basin, LLC and Fulton Cogeneration Associates, L.P. (hereafter, "the Applicants") filed with the Commission rate schedules in the above-captioned proceedings, respectively, under which the Applicants will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, certain of the Applicants may also have requested in their respective applications that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances for securities and assumptions of liabilities by the Applicants. On April 12, 2000, the Commission issued an order that accepted the rate schedules for sales of capacity and energy at market-based rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceedings.

The Commission's April 12, 2000 Order granted, for those Applicants that sought such approval, their request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Appendix B in Ordering Paragraphs (2), (3), and (5):

(2) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by the Applicants 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.

Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (2) above, if the Applicants have requested such authorization, the Applicants are hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the Applicants, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(5) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of the Applicants' issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities * * *.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is May 12, 2000.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. This issuance may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-244-000]

Sumas International Pipeline Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

April 13, 2000.

Take notice that on April 10, 2000, Sumas International Pipeline Inc. (SIPI), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 2, the following tariff sheets to become effective May 1, 2000:

Second Revised Sheet Number 10
Second Revised Sheet Number 11
Original Sheet Number 11A
Second Revised Sheet Number 12
First Revised Sheet Number 12A
Third Revised Sheet Number 13
First Revised Sheet Number 13A
First Revised Sheet Number 13B
First Revised Sheet Number 13C
Original Sheet Number 13D
Original Sheet Number 13E

Original Sheet Number 13F
First Revised Sheet Number 16A
First Revised Sheet Number 21A

SIPI asserts that the purpose of this filing is to comply with Order No. 587 issued on July 17, 1996 in general, and in particular Order Nos. 587-G, 587-H and 487-K, and the Notice Clarifying Procedures for Filing Tariff Sheets issued on September 12, 1996, in Docket No. RM96-1-000. These pro-forma sheets reflect the requirement that interstate natural gas pipelines follow standardized procedures for critical business practices (nominations; allocations, balancing and measurement; involving; and capacity release) and standardized protocols and file formats for electronic communication except where waivers have been granted.

SIPI states that copies of this filing were mailed to all customers of SIPI and Interested Parties.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web 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

[Docket No. CP00-166-000]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Petition to Amend

April 13, 2000.

Take notice that on April 3, 2000, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams), 3800 Frederica Street, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301, filed an

application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, for further amendment to the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued in this proceeding on December 30, 1963, authorizing the Webb storage field in Grant County, Oklahoma.

Specifically, Williams seeks authority to increase the effective storage area by: (1) Acquiring the gas storage rights under an additional 480 acres for a buffer zone, adjacent to the west boundary of the storage leasehold interests previously authorized; (2) constructing three 4-inch gathering laterals of approximately 1500 feet, 250 feet and 125 feet to connect 14 existing production wells, converted to pressure relief well operation, to the storage system; and, (3) installing and operating measurement and appurtenant facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The application may be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm (Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

Any questions regarding the application may be directed to David N. Roberts, Manager of Tariffs and Regulatory Analysis, P.O. Box 20008, Owensboro, Kentucky 42304, (270) 688-6712.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before May 4, 2000, 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 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 the 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 issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other 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 serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every

other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 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 such 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 comments 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, as amended, and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission 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 requested authorization 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 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 Williams to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER00-1801-000, *et al.*]

Sierra Pacific Power Company, *et al.*; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

April 12, 2000.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Sierra Pacific Power Company, *et al.*

[Docket No. ER00-1801-000]

Take notice that on March 30, 2000 Nevada Power Company (Nevada Power) and Sierra Pacific Power Company (Sierra Pacific) tendered for filing an amendment to the joint open-access transmission tariff filed on March 3, 2000, in Docket No. ER00-1801-000, in anticipation of the pending merger among Nevada Power, Sierra Pacific, and Portland General Electric Company. The amendment incorporates two transmission loss studies also filed on March 30, 2000, by Nevada Power and Sierra Pacific, in Docket Nos. ER00-2004-000 and ER00-2003-000 respectively, that indicate a change in the factor used to calculate transmission service losses under their joint open-access transmission tariff, FERC Original Volume No. 1, filed in Docket No. ER99-34-000.

Copies of this filing have been served upon those persons on the Commission's official service list compiled in Docket No. ER00-1801-000.

Nevada Power and Sierra Pacific request that the filing be made effective in Docket No. ER00-1801-000 as of the effective date of that joint tariff.

Comment date: May 3, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. El Paso Energy Corporation and the Coastal Corporation

[Docket No. EC00-73-000]

Take notice that on April 3, 2000, pursuant to Federal Power Act (FPA) Section 203, 16 U.S.C. 824b, and Part 33 of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR part 33, El Paso Energy Corporation (El Paso Energy) and The Coastal Corporation (Coastal) on behalf of their respective FPA-jurisdictional subsidiaries (collectively, Applicants) applied for all Commission approvals necessary to consummate their proposed merger. Applicants state that the FPA-jurisdictional subsidiaries of El Paso Energy and Coastal are power marketers and merchant plants with market-based rate authority.