

must be filed on or before March 7, 2000. 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 this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222) for assistance. Answers to the complaint shall also be due on or before March 7, 2000.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-89-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

February 17, 2000.

Take notice that on February 11, 2000, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), PO Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251-1478, filed in Docket No. CP00-89-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon in place by sale to Koch Midstream Services Company (Midstream), a Texas intrastate pipeline company, various natural gas gathering pipelines and associated compression, taps, laterals, metering stations, and appurtenant facilities, under Koch Gateway's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-430, 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Koch Gateway states that these gathering facilities are located in the east Texas counties of Rusk and Gregg and are classified and functionalized as natural gas gathering and operate as gathering laterals connecting producing wells in the Henderson and Willow Springs producing areas to Koch Gateway. Koch Gateway states the continued operation and maintenance of

the gathering facilities by Koch Gateway is no longer justified as a part of Koch Gateway's interstate pipeline system. Koch Gateway avers that these facilities are no longer part of Koch Gateway's core pipeline assets, and Koch Gateway currently has no plans to expand its natural gas gathering services in the Henderson and Willow Springs areas. Koch Gateway states that upon approval of the requested abandonment, and the closing of the sale of the gathering facilities, the facilities that will be interconnected with the existing intrastate pipeline system of Midstream Koch Gateway states that all of Koch Gateway's customers who have utilized the gathering facilities between and including January 1999 and December 1999 has accepted an equivalent offer from the parties and has consented to the proposed abandonment. The contact person for this filing is Kyle Stephens, Director of Certificates, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company, PO Box 1478, Houston, Texas, 77251-1478, (713) 544-7309.

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 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.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-82-000]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Application

February 17, 2000.

Take notice that on February 8, 2000, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams Central), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74101, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of

the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction of a pipeline expansion project on its Sedalia Line and its Ottawa Crossover facilities. The details of Williams Central's proposal are more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This application may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Bart Wherritt, Manager, Certificates & Tariffs at (918) 573-4369, or at Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc., P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101.

Williams Central proposes to construct about 1.5 miles of 24-inch pipeline and related facilities between the Ottawa Crossover and the Ottawa Compressor Station. They also propose to upgrade of two existing compressor units on its Sedalia Line at the Peculiar Compressor Station from 1,350 horsepower each to 2,000 horsepower each, and install new ISO rated 1,590 horsepower turbine set at the Peculiar Compressor Station. Finally, they propose to convert an 800 horsepower compressor unit at Concordia Compressor Station from Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) Section 311 authorization to NGA Section 7(c) authorization.

Williams Central says that the additional facilities will allow them to provide incremental firm transportation service to two customers of its East of Ottawa/Sedalia Line system (UtiliCorp United, Inc. (UtiliCorp); and U.S. Energy Services, as agent for Tyson Foods, Inc.). The new service provided will support growing LDC requirements, industrial needs and most significantly, the new Pleasant Hill power plant that will be constructed in Cass County, Missouri. The cost to construct the Ottawa pipeline, upgrade the two existing compressor units, and install the new Solar turbine at the Peculiar station is estimated to be about \$9.7 million. The cost associated with the conversion of the 800 horsepower compressor unit at Concordia station is \$2.3 million, for a total project cost of \$13.0 million.

Williams Central says that beginning on June 1, 2001, they will provide 35,000 Dth/d of firm service year-round to UtiliCorp in both the production and market areas for four years. During the initial four year term, for the 35,000 Dth/d amount, Williams Central and UtiliCorp have agreed that the reservation rate paid by UtiliCorp will not exceed the maximum reservation rate in effect on October 31, 1999. The

primary delivery point for this 35,000 Dth/d will be at the interconnection of Williams Central's facilities and a 7.7 mile non-jurisdictional lateral pipeline to be constructed by UtiliCorp from the Pleasant Hill power plant. Williams Central will also provide to UtiliCorp 16,000 Dth/d of firm service during the summer months only for use at the Pleasant Hill plant for four years. The balance of the 86,000 Dth/d Pleasant Hill requirement during the summer months will be provided through capacity release arrangements between UtiliCorp and other third parties that Williams Central says they will help to arrange.

Williams Central will also provide 7,000 Dth/d of firm service under NPGA Section 311 to UtiliCorp during the winter months (October through March) with the primary delivery points at various existing town borders on the East of Ottawa/Sedalia Line system. Williams Central will also provide 2,200 Dth/d of incremental firm service to U.S. Energy/Tyson Foods in the production and market area for five years, with the market area primary delivery point located at the Sedalia town border on the Sedalia system.

William Central also requests approval to rolled-in the costs of the proposed new, converted, and upgraded facilities with existing their facilities' costs in their next general rate case. Williams Central says that impact of such rolled-in treatment will be a decrease in their 100% load factor rates for firm transportation across both their Production and Market areas from \$0.3065 per Dth currently to \$0.2992 per Dth after the proposed roll-in, a decrease of about 2.4%. They say that this meets the Commission's "threshold requirement" that there be no financial subsidies from existing capacity holders on the pipeline, as set forth in the Commission's Statement of Policy on the Certification of New Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities, issued in Docket No. PL99-3-000.

Any person desiring to be heard or making any protest the reference to said application should on or before March 9, 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 Commissions' 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 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 person to whom the protests are directed. 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 issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, of 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 commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in the subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the NGA and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on these applications 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 Williams Central to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC00-53-000, et al.]

Black River Limited Partnership, et al. Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

February 16, 2000.

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

1. Black River Limited Partnership

[Docket No. EC00-53-000]

Take notice that on February 16, 2000, pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. § 824b (1998) and Part 33 of the Regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), 18 CFR 33 *et seq.*, Black River Limited Partnership (BRLP) filed a supplement to its "Application for Approval of Disposition of Jurisdictional Facilities," filed on January 31, 2000 (January 31st Application) in the above-referenced proceeding. The supplement to the January 31st Application is being submitted for purposes of providing certain agreements pursuant to which BRLP will enter into the sale and lease transactions with respect to the Fort Drum Project.

BRLP also has requested that the Commission find that it will no longer be deemed to be a "public utility" as such term is defined under Section 201 of the FPA upon consummation of the sale and lease transactions. BRLP has requested a shortened notice period and expedited consideration of the application.

Comment date: February 28, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, Calvert Cliffs, Inc., Constellation Generation, Inc. and Constellation Power Source, Inc.

[Docket No. EC00-57-000]

Take notice that on February 11, 2000, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, Calvert Cliffs, Inc., Constellation Generation, Inc., and Constellation Power Source, Inc. (collectively Joint Applicants) submitted for filing,