

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 for hearing within this period, Texaco is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Texaco's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is February 26, 1996. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Co.; Notice of Application

[Docket No. CP96-169-000]

February 8, 1996.

Take notice that on February 5, 1996, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), 200 North Third Street, Suite 300, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501, filed in Docket No. CP96-169-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon storage and transportation service for suppliers under Rate Schedule S-2 of Williston Basin's FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Williston Basin states that on June 15, 1983, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., now MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU), predecessor in interest to Williston Basin, was authorized by temporary certificate to store natural gas on behalf of certain of its suppliers and to provide incidental transportation of such gas pursuant to Rate Schedule S-2.

Williston Basin further states that on May 25, 1984, the Commission issued its Order Approving Contested Settlement which granted MDU a permanent certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the storage and transportation services proposed to be performed on behalf of its suppliers under Rate Schedule S-2. In addition, Williston Basin states that on February 13, 1985 in Docket No. CP82-487-000, *et al.*, Williston Basin was authorized to acquire and operate the interstate pipeline facilities previously owned and operated by MDU as well as to provide the certificated services previously provided by MDU.

It is stated that although the original certificate for the Rate Schedule S-2 service was limited to a maximum four-year term for injections into storage for each Rate Schedule S-2 service agreement, the May 22, 1990 Order Granting Rehearing and Denying Request for Clarification, 51 FERC ¶ 61,199, allowed the Rate Schedule certificate to run for each individual service contract until all of the gas injected into storage under that service contract was withdrawn from storage. It is further stated that service contract was withdrawn from storage. It is further stated that on November 28, 1995, the Commission accepted in Docket No. CP83-254-490, the termination of Williston Basin's final Rate Schedule S-2 service agreement. Therefore, Williston Basin requests abandonment of the certificate authorizing service under Rate Schedule S-2 effective as of the date Commission approval for such requested abandonment is received.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 29, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 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. 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.

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 permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 Williston Basin to appear or be represented at the hearing

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER96-525-000]

Utility Management and Consulting, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

February 8, 1996.

On December 5, 1995, as amended December 18, 1995, Utility Management and Consulting, Inc. (UMCI) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which UMCI will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. UMCI also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, UMCI requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by UMCI.

On January 19, 1996, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by UMCI 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 for hearing within this period, UMCI is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any