

Commission's authorization to lease certain excess capacity in its LNG facility to its affiliated marketing company, COM/Energy Resources, Inc. (Resources). Hopkinton states that Resources will then utilize such leased capacity solely to support its own natural gas marketing activities, and will not provide any LNG storage, liquefaction or vaporization services to third parties. Hopkinton further states that the authorization it requests is in all relevant respects identical to the authorizations which the Commission has granted to United Cities Gas Company in FERC Docket Nos. CP93-507-000 and CP94-753-000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 7, 1997, 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 385.211 and 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 in any proceeding herein 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 Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas 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 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 Hopkinton to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-152-000]

**Koch Gateway Pipeline Company;
Notice of Request Under Blanket
Authorization**

December 24, 1996.

Take notice that on December 13, 1996, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), Post Office Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251-1478, filed in Docket No. CP97-152-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to construct a 2-inch tap and a 2-inch meter station in Hinds County, Mississippi, to serve Tri-State Tile & Brick (Tri-State). Koch Gateway makes such request under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-430-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Koch Gateway proposes to install the new delivery point on its existing lateral line in Hinds County, to satisfy Tri-State's request for 1,200 MMBtu of natural gas per day, on an interruptible basis. It is stated that the volumes proposed for delivery to Tri-State will be delivered pursuant to Koch Gateway's blanket transportation certificate authorized in Docket No. CP88-6-000 and under Koch Gateway's ITS Rate Schedule.

The estimated cost of constructing the proposed facilities is \$60,000. Koch Gateway indicates that Tri-State will reimburse its construction cost.

Koch Gateway avers that its tariff provides for comprehensive delivery points, as well as comprehensive receipt points, for all ITS shippers. Koch Gateway therefore, states that any qualified shipper on Koch Gateway's system can potentially deliver natural gas to Tri-State. It is further stated that such services will be within the entitlements of their respective transportation agreements and pursuant to Koch Gateway's blanket transportation certificate.

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 § 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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**Manner Technologies, L.L.C.; Notice of
Issuance of Order**

December 24, 1996.

Manner Technologies, L.L.C. (Manner Technologies) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Manner Technologies will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Manner Technologies also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Manner Technologies requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Manner Technologies.

On December 9, 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 protect the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Manner Technologies should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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, Manner Technologies is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, 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 Manner Technologies'