

system. Questar states that the Drunkard's Wash No. 1 station is no longer utilized as a receipt point, declaring that instead the natural gas produced by River Gas is now delivered at an alternate, larger capacity receipt point, known as the Drunkard's Wash No. 2 station, which is located approximately one mile south of the facility proposed to be abandoned.

Questar is not proposing to abandon any service.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 21, 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 385.214 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 Questar to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-180-000]

Questar Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 9, 1997.

Take notice that on January 2, 1997, Questar Pipeline Company (Questar Pipeline), 79 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, filed in Docket No. CP97-180-000 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 an inactive delivery point historically used to provided service to Geokinetics under Questar Pipeline's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-491-000 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.

Questar Pipeline states that the delivery point is located in Uintah County, Utah and that the as-constructed Geokinetics delivery point consisted of skid-mounted measuring and regulating facilities, a heater/separator and associated piping. These facilities were temporarily moved to Questar Pipeline's Vernal, Utah storage yard for safe keeping when Geokinetics went out of business. Questar Pipeline believes that the inactive delivery point should be formally abandoned since Geokinetics has been out of business for more than 10 years. Questar Pipeline states that Geokinetics was the only customer served at this location.

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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-175-000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 9, 1997.

Take notice that on December 30, 1996, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), 200 North Third Street, Bismark, North Dakota 58501 filed in Docket No. CP97-175-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216) for approval and permission to abandon a farm tap located in Dawson County, Montana, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP82-487-000, *et al.*, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Williston Basin asserts that Montana-Dakota Utilities Company (Montana-Dakota), a local distribution company, has extended its distribution system to serve the load previously served through the tap which Williston now proposes to abandon. Williston Basin also asserts that removal of the tap will eliminate the possibility of ice damage to the tap's riser from the flooding of a nearby river.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 45 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (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 therefor, the proposed activities 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 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER96-2926-000]

Wisconsin Power & Light Company; Notice of Filing

January 10, 1997.

Take notice that on November 22, 1996, Wisconsin Power & Light

Company amended its previous filing in this docket by submitting unbundled rate information.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing 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 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before January 17, 1997. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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[Project No. 5276-041]

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and Northern Electric Power Company, LP; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

January 10, 1997.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA was prepared for an application to amend the license for the Hudson Falls Hydroelectric Project. The application would allow the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and Northern Electric Power Company, LP (licensees) to install temporary 2-foot-high wooden flashboards on the Hudson Falls Dam. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) requests the flashboards to facilitate an ongoing PCB investigation and remediation program at the General Electric Company's Hudson Falls manufacturing facility located on the opposite side of the river from the project. The NYDEC indicated the temporary flashboards would help to prevent high river flows from entering the work area below the dam and increase the safety of working conditions in the river channel during the PCB remediation program. The duration of the PCB remediation program may be long-term, requiring up to 10 years to complete.

Flashboards are currently installed on a portion of the dam to divert water during construction of the hydroelectric facility. The proposed action would allow

for the completion of flashboards across the entire length of the dam from May 1 through November 30, as necessary, to protect workers and equipment during conduct of the PCB investigation and remediation program.

The EA, written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, concludes the approval of the proposed action would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Copies of the EA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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Notice of Surrender of Exemption

January 9, 1997.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Application: Surrender of Exemption
- b. Project No.: 5572-006
- c. Date Filed: December 12, 1996
- d. Applicant: Joseph Hydro Company, Inc.
- e. Name of Project: Canal Creek Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: On Big Sheep Creek, within Wallowa-Whitman National Forest near Joseph in Wallowa County, Oregon, Little Sheet Creek, and Wallowa Valley Improvement District Canal.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC §§ 791 (a)-825 (r).
- h. Contact: Mr. Norman E. Kamp, 111 Broadway, Suite 133, Box 205, Boise, Idaho 83702 (208) 338-5173
- i. FERC Contact: Mr. Lynn R. Miles, (202) 219-2671

j. Comment Date: January 31, 1997
k. Description of the Proposed Action: The exemptee requests to surrender its exemption for the existing project.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C2, and D2.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a

party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C2. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS," "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMPETING APPLICATION," "PROTEST," or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of a notice of intent, competing application, or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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Notice of Surrender of Exemption

January 9, 1997.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application:* Surrender of Exemption.
- b. *Project No.:* 5573-006.
- c. *Date Filed:* December 12, 1996.
- d. *Applicant:* Joseph Hydro Company, Inc.
- e. *Name of Project:* Upper Little Sheep Creek, Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On Big Sheep and Little Creeks, within Wallowa-Whitman National Forest near Joseph in Wallowa County, Oregon.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791 (a)-825(r).