

authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-189-000]

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

January 17, 1997.

Take notice that on January 10, 1997 and supplement January 15, 1997, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), P.O. Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251-1478, filed in Docket No. CP97-189-000 a request pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and Sections 157.205, 157.211, 157.216(b) for authorization to upgrade a town border station serving the City of Madisonville (Madisonville) in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana under Koch Gateway's NNS-SCO Rate Schedule, and to abandon certain facilities in Madisonville. Koch Gateway makes such request, under Koch Gateway's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-430-000 pursuant to 18 CFR Part 157, Subpart F of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Koch Gateway proposes to upgrade an existing 2-inch meter station and abandon by removal the facilities being replaced. Koch Gateway further proposes to install the new metering and regulating facilities at an existing town border station on its lateral line, designated as Index 301 in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana to satisfy Madisonville's request for increased pressure. Koch Gateway states that the volumes proposed to be delivered to Madisonville would be pursuant to Koch Gateway's blanket transportation certificate authorized in Docket No. CP88-6-000 and under Koch Gateway's NNS-SCO Rate Schedule.

Koch Gateway states that the revised meter station would allow Koch Gateway to increase delivery pressure by approximately 30 psig which will help Madisonville better operate its distribution system. It is stated that the estimated cost of construction is \$33,000, and Madisonville has agreed to reimburse Koch Gateway the cost of installing the new facilities.

Koch Gateway further states the proposed activities, being no notice in nature, will not affect Koch Gateway's ability to serve its other existing

customers. No change in the service level is proposed.

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.

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Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP93-672-002]

**Natural Gas Pipeline Company of
America; Notice of Application To
Amend Abandonment Authority**

January 17, 1997.

On January 13, 1997, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Applicant), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, applied under Section 7(b) for authorization to amend the abandonment authority granted in Docket No. CP93-672-001 by order issued on June 15, 1995. That order, authorized the abandonment in place, by removal of 308 miles of Applicant's Amarillo No. 1 Line.

Applicant now requests amendment of that authority to provide for the abandonment by transfer to MidCon Gas Products Corp. (MidCon) of the southernmost 28 miles of the abandoned line. MidCon is a non-jurisdictional gathering affiliate of Natural. The 28 miles of line proposed for transfer to MidCon starts at a point near the Hooker Lateral in Beaver County, Oklahoma and ends in Meade County, Kansas, 29.5 miles south of Natural's Compressor Station 103.

Applicant also requests that the Commission state that the 28 miles of line transferred to MidCon is a non-jurisdictional gathering facility under Section 1(b) of the NGA. Applicant states that the transferred line will be connected with 102.67 miles of pipe previously transferred to MidCon in June, 1996, by Commission order issued in Docket No. CP95-191-000 on August

24, 1995 (72 FERC ¶ 61,183). The 28 miles of line will be operated as part of a low pressure, high Btu gathering system.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to this amended application should on or before February 7, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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 (28 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.20). 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. Any person who has previously intervened in Docket No. CP93-672-000 or CP93-672-001 does not need to intervene again.

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 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 a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience or 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 Natural to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-192-000]

**New York State Electric & Gas
Corporation; Notice of Application**

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Take notice that on January 10, 1997, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG), 4500 Vestal Parkway East, Binghamton, New York 13902-3607, filed in Docket No. CP97-