

Columbia states that, due to age and condition, sections of the existing Line 1361 and Line 1429 have become physically deteriorated to the extent that replacement is required in order to maintain safe, reliable operation and service to Columbia's existing customers at current levels. Due to a failure in 1990, Line 1361 is operated at a reduced operating pressure of 408 psig compared to its certificated maximum allowable operating pressure of 600 psig. The reduction in operating pressures causes difficulty in meeting existing market demand during peak periods.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 7, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 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 proceedings. 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 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 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 Columbia to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER97-382-000]

Exact Power Co., Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

January 17, 1997.

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

On January 14, 1997, 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 Exact Power 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, Exact Power 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 Exact Power'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 13, 1997.

Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-196-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

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Take notice that on January 15, 1997, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), 1400 Smith Street, P.O. Box 1188, Houston, Texas 77251-1188, filed in Docket No. CP97-196-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to construct a new delivery point and approximately 400 feet of 12-inch pipeline in Volusia County, Florida for delivery of natural gas to Florida Power Corporation (FPC) under FGT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-553-000 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.

FGT proposes to construct a new tap, valve, approximately 400 feet of 12-inch connecting lateral and electronic flow measurement equipment and any other necessary appurtenant facilities to accommodate the measurement of gas, up to 4,400 MMBtu per hour at line pressure. FGT states that the natural gas volumes delivered to this new delivery point will be interruptible volumes and that initial deliveries will be approximately 2,200 MMBtu per hour.

FGT states that FPC would reimburse it for all construction costs, estimated to be \$150,000. FGT states that FPC proposes to construct own and operate the meter station and approximately 3.3 miles of 12-inch non-jurisdictional pipeline connecting the meter station to the power plant.

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. CP97-189-000]

**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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

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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**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-