

WTI states it is holding a 30 day non-discriminatory "open season" to assure that each and every potential shipper of residue gas at the Rodman plant is apprised of this acquisition from Williams and upcoming open access operation of the Rodman (Enid) 16-inch pipeline. This form of public notice announces this open season process, which commences on the date of its issuance.

WTI states it does not expect oversubscription from this open season, but would allocate firm capacity, in the event of oversubscription, based on the net present value procedure common for interstate pipeline open seasons. Specifically, subscriptions for firm capacity will be required to state both the transportation rate the shipper is willing to pay (up to the maximum reservation rate as stated in Exhibit P to the application) and the term of service sought. WTI states there should be any oversubscription, WTI will then rank all prospective firm shippers in order of the highest net present value to WTI; that is, the bid price and term of each subscription will be multiplied to give the total projected revenues per unit of capacity, which in turn will be discounted to the present under standard DCF methodology.

Any prospective shipper interested in subscribing for service should contact the following WTI representative for a subscription form: Timothy P. Balaski, Warren Transportation, Inc., 1000 Louisiana, Suite 5800, Houston, Texas 77002, (713) 507-6523 (telephone), (713) 507-6515 (telefax).

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 27, 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 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 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 WTI to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-272-000]

Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

March 12, 1997.

Take notice that on February 27, 1997, Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed in Docket No. CP97-272-000 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 authorization to abandon certain lateral pipeline facilities, meters and associated equipment, all located in Washington County, Oklahoma, under WNG's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000 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.

WNG proposes to abandon by sale to Western Resources, Inc. (WRI) approximately 2.4 miles of its 6-inch Dewey lateral pipeline, domestic meters, other equipment and related service. It is stated that the facilities were installed in 1974 at a cost of \$271,571 and that the facilities have a salvage value of \$10 and that the cost to reclaim them is \$1,572. It is asserted that the customers served through these facilities have agreed to the abandonment and would continue to receive service from WRI. It is explained that the sale would enable WRI to expand its local distribution system. It is further asserted that WNG has sufficient capacity to render its services following the proposed abandonment without detriment or disadvantage to its

other existing customers and that its tariff does not prohibit such a change.

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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project Nos. 459-086, et al.]

Hydroelectric Applications [Union Electric Company, et al.]; Notice of Applications

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

- 1a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of Recreation Plan.
- b. *Project No.:* 459-086.
- c. *Date Filed:* November 21, 1996.
- d. *Applicant:* Union Electric Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Osage Project.
- f. *Location:* Bagnell Dam is on Lake of The Ozarks in Benton County, Missouri.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant contact:* Dan Jarvis, Route 3, Box 234, Eldon, MO 65026, (573) 365-9322.
- i. *FERC contact:* John K. Hannula, (202) 219-0116.
- j. *Comment date:* April 14, 1997.
- k. *Description of the Application:*

Union Electric Company proposes to end its Tour-of-the-Dam program and replace it with an Educational and Historical Information Facility at Willmore Lodge located near the dam. The new educational facility would contain a multimedia interactive display that would provide historical information about Bagnell Dam and educate the public about the benefits of hydropower.

This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.