

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is October 27, 1997.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-775-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 7, 1997.

Take notice that on September 26, 1997, and supplemented on September 30, and October 2, 1997, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), 600 Travis Street, Houston, Texas, 77251, filed in Docket No. CP97-775-000, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.211 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations, under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211, and 157.216), for authorization to (1) plug and abandon 37 delivery taps on its Index 276¹ and (2) establish new delivery points, both in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties, Mississippi, 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 which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Koch Gateway says that the certificate authorization for the construction and operation of the taps which Koch Gateway now seeks abandonment authorization was issued in FPC Docket No. G-232. Koch Gateway says that these taps are used for delivery of natural gas to Entex, Inc. (Entex), a local distribution company in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties, Mississippi. Koch Gateway asserts that Entex concurs with the proposed abandonment and tie-over measures.

Koch Gateway also states that Entex's affected farm tap customers will either be converted to propane service or tied-over to another natural gas source. Koch

Gateway relates that such decision will be at the discretion of the end-user.

Koch Gateway explains that the other natural gas source will be either Koch Gateway's adjacent pipeline designated as Index 300 or to an Entex distribution system. Koch Gateway also seeks permission to install taps and minor piping to tie-over those end-users who elect to continue natural gas service.

Koch Gateway states that the approximate cost of tying-over all taps is \$337,000, and the approximate cost of converting all end-users to propane is \$128,000. Koch Gateway explains that the purchaser of Index 276 will reimburse Koch Gateway for all such costs, which is consistent with the sale of the asset as approved in Docket No. CP94-75-000.

Koch Gateway indicates that the Mississippi Public Service Commission has been notified of this filing.

Koch Gateway asserts that the service to end-users who elect to continue natural gas service will be unaffected; that Entex will continue to receive natural gas service pursuant to Koch Gateway's No-Notice, Firm Transportation and Interruptible Rate Schedules; and the proposed abandonments and/or tie-overs will not have a significant impact on Koch Gateway's peak day or average day volumes.

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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October 7, 1997.

Take notice that on September 26, 1997, and supplemented on September 30, and October 2, 1997, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), 600 Travis Street, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in Docket No. CP97-777-000, a request, pursuant to §§ 157.205, 157.211, and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211, and 157.216), for authorization to (1) plug and abandon 56 delivery taps on its Index 276¹ and (2) establish new delivery points, both in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties, Mississippi, 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 which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Koch Gateway states that the certificate authorization for the construction and operation of these taps which Koch Gateway now seeks abandonment authorization was issued in FPC Docket No. G-232. Koch Gateway says that these taps are used for delivery of natural gas to Entex, Inc. (Entex), a local distribution company, in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties, Mississippi. Koch Gateway asserts that Entex concurs with the proposed abandonment and tie-over measures.

In addition to requesting authorization to abandon 56 farm taps, Koch Gateway is also requesting authorization to install taps and minor pipeline to tie-over certain taps to its adjacent pipeline facilities or to the facilities of a local distribution company, Entex. Koch Gateway states that the approximate cost of the proposed abandonment and construction activities is \$326,550. Koch Gateway explains that the purchaser of Index 276 will reimburse Koch Gateway for all such costs, which is consistent with the sale of the asset as approved in Docket No. CP94-75-000.

¹ Koch Gateway was granted authorization to abandon by sale its transmission line designated Index 276 in Docket No. CP94-75-000. 67 FERC ¶ 61,362 (1994).

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