

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 Viking Voyageur to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-59-000]

Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request under Blanket Authorization

November 7, 1997.

Take notice that on October 31, 1997, Williams Natural Gas Company (Williams), Post Office Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed in Docket No. CP98-59-000 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 permission and approval to abandon in place a portion of the 12-inch Independence pipeline lateral, along with related facilities and services, all of which are located in Cass County, Missouri. Williams makes such request under its 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 on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Williams proposed to abandon in place, and cap approximately 6.09 miles of the Independence 12-inch lateral pipeline. Williams also proposes to abandon in place, by sale to Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) approximately 1.95 miles of the Independence 12-inch lateral pipeline, along with related services and facilities, and the Raymore town border station. It is stated that the 12-inch Independence pipeline was originally constructed, to enable Williams to supply the natural gas requirements of MGE, in the Independence, Missouri

area.¹ The Raymore town border station was originally installed in 1963 and certificated in Docket No. CP63-345.²

Williams states that the Lee's Summit town border meter will become a single point of delivery for MGE. Williams further states that to maintain service to the Lee's Summit town border location, it will construct a tie-over line from its Sugar Creek line to the Lee's Summit town border station pursuant to Section 311 of the NGPA.

Williams indicates that the most recent volumes of gas delivered to the Raymore town border station was 7,565 MMcf on a peak day with 595,035 MMcf delivered annually. It is stated that service to the Raymore town border facility will continue to be provided by MGE.

Williams indicates that MGE will integrate into its system, the facilities that Williams has designated to sell to MGE in this proceeding. It is averred that one domestic customer, located on the 1.95-mile segment, will be impacted by the proposed abandonment.

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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¹ The 12-inch pipeline segment proposed to be abandoned herein, was certificated in Docket No. G-756, 5 FPC 820, Cities Service Gas Company (1946).

² Cities Service Gas Company, 30 FPC 1,100 (1963).

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-56-000]

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

November 7, 1997.

Take notice that on October 30, 1997, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), 200 North Third Street, Suite 300, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501, filed in Docket No. CP98-56-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate new metering and associated appurtenant facilities for use in providing delivery of transportation service gas to Bear Paw Operating Company, Inc. (Bear Paw), under Williston Basin's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-487-000 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.

Williston Basin states that the facilities to be constructed at the proposed metering facility will consist of a building, an orifice meter, SCADA communication equipment and miscellaneous piping, gauges and valves, all of which will be constructed on existing right-of-way at the Baker Compressor Plant in Section 12, T7N, R59E, Fallon County, Montana. Williston Basin states that Bear Paw has requested installation of this metering facility to allow Williston Basin to make deliveries of up to 4,800 Mcf per day to Bear Paw to be used as emergency fuel at the Big Horn plant. The estimated cost of the proposed metering facilities is \$11,400. The actual cost of the facility is 100% reimbursable by Bear Paw.

Williston Basin states that the addition of the proposed facilities will have no significant effect on its peak day or annual requirements, that the total volumes delivered will not exceed total volumes authorized prior to this request, that the existing tariff does not prohibit the addition of new delivery points and that there is sufficient capacity to accomplish deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to other customers.

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