

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting**

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is given of a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee.

DATES AND TIMES: Tuesday, December 16, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, December 17, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: American Geophysical Union 2000 Florida Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Purpose of the Meeting**

To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director of Energy Research of the Department of Energy on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the biological and environmental research program.

Tentative Agenda

*Tuesday, December 16, 1997, and
Wednesday, December 17, 1997*

- Welcome Remarks.
- Opening of Meeting.
- Remarks from Director, Office of Energy Research.
- Update on Office of Biological and Environmental Research Activities.
- Review of Subcommittee Activities.
- New Business.
- Public Comment (10-minute rule).

Public Participation

The day and a half meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact David Thomassen or Shirley Derflinger at the address or telephone numbers listed above. Requests to make oral statements must be received five days prior to the

meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statement in the agenda. The Chair of the Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes

Available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, IE-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on November 21, 1997

Althea T. Vanzego,

Acting Deputy Committee Advisory Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP98-88-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

November 21, 1997.

Take notice that on November 13, 1997, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), 600 Travis Street, Houston, Texas 77251-1478 filed, in docket No. CP98-88-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for an order permitting and approving the operation of the transmission lines on its Eugene Island System in Offshore, Louisiana at the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of 1200 psig. Koch Gateway asserts that this increase in MAOP will provide it with a more cost efficient method of utilizing its system by uprating existing facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Koch Gateway believes that increasing the MAOP from 1065 psig to 1200 psig will benefit the transportation of gas supplies currently connected to the system and also new supplies being developed near the system. Koch Gateway says these benefits include: (1) regain the higher throughput of volumes on this system; (2) greater capacity for shippers and producers; (3) maximized overall utilization and flexibility on Koch Gateway's system; and (4) an ability to capitalize on the growth potential served by the Eugene Island System.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 12, 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 385.214 and 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 proceeding. 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 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 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 Koch Gateway to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP96-200-027]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 21, 1997.

Take notice that on November 18, 1997, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following