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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP92-236-010]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

December 29, 1997.

Take notice that on December 22, 1997, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), tendered for filing certain revised tariff sheets to First and Second Revised Volume Nos. 1 and Original Volume Nos. 1-A, 1-B and 2 of its FERC Gas Tariff.

Williston Basin states that the revised tariff sheets were filed in compliance with the Commission's Letter Order issued December 10, 1997 in Docket Nos. RP92-236-000, et al., as more fully described in the filing.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-148-007]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

December 29, 1997.

Take notice that on December 19, 1997, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff,

Second Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A and B to the filing.

Williston Basin states that it is submitting the instant filing solely to comply with the Commission's Order on Rehearing issued November 19, 1997 in Docket RP97-148-001 which directed Williston Basin to remove language added to the capacity release section of its tariff and to include the language of the GISB standards relating to capacity release verbatim.

Williston Basin also states that on July 1, 1997, it filed tariff sheets in Docket No. RP97-410-000 to make certain tariff modifications necessary to simplify and enhance its current services to its customers. In its July 31, 1997, Order Accepting Tariff Sheets Subject to Conditions in Docket No. RP94-410-000, the Commission accepted the proposed tariff sheets effective August 1, 1997. Therefore, Williston Basin states that it is also including tariff sheets proposed to be effective August 1, 1997, reflecting the changes proposed in the instant filing.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulation Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protest will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

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Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5947-3]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Health Protection Survey of Beaches

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C.

3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been for-warded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: National Health Protection Survey of Beaches. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 4, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY: Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1814.01.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Health Protection Survey of Beaches (EPA ICR No. 1814.01). This is a new collection.

Abstract: Bacterial and other microbiological contaminants continue to pose potentially serious human health problems for the Nation's recreational waters, including bathing beaches. These adverse effects have been one of EPA's long-standing concerns. They are directly related to such Clean Water Act responsibilities as water quality standards and surface water quality, and to the Agency's efforts to ensure that the waters of the United States are "fishable" and "swimmable." In 1986, EPA formally issued a revision to its bacteriological ambient water quality criteria recommendations to protect persons participating in body contact recreation. Since that time, few states have adopted the revised criteria and the use of the criteria has varied greatly from one location to the next. In addition, recent studies have confirmed the adverse health effects resulting from bathing in contaminated waters. Therefore, water quality in bathing beach areas is a critical concern to EPA.

EPA believes there is a need to improve the overall quality and availability of public information about health protection activities at beaches, which include, but are not limited to, water quality standards, monitoring and assessment activities, and beach closures. Many organizations share responsibility for these activities. Consequently, EPA's Office of Water will conduct an annual "beach" survey. The survey will be sent to environmental health officials from State, tribal, county, and city agencies, as well as representatives from various interest groups. It will obtain and verify

information on the location and condition of swimming beaches and the agencies and persons responsible for maintaining and issuing advisories or closings for those beaches at freshwater sites (the Great Lakes and others) and saltwater (estuarine and coastal) sites around the Nation. Responses to the questionnaire (either on paper or electronically via the Internet) are required to determine compliance with water quality standards, to assess public health risks, and to determine what steps EPA should take next, if any. Completion of the questionnaire and map marking will be voluntary.

EPA will assemble the information (maps and questionnaire responses) into electronic database and graphic formats that can be readily analyzed and shared with responsible parties (e.g., EPA program and regional offices, other federal, state, tribal, county, and city agencies), as well as the public. The nationwide collection of information is being phased in, beginning with a pilot survey of Great Lakes and other selected beaches in 1998. When the survey is fully implemented, it is estimated that 2,000 respondents will be involved each year. The estimated annual cost for the survey per respondent is anticipated to decrease each year, since respondents will only be requested to provide information that has changed during the year.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 5/5/97 (**Federal Register** vol. 62, no. 86, pp. 24442-24443); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.33 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able

to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: County or other entity public health and environmental protection agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2000.

Frequency of Response: One time per year.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 4160 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$160,000.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1814.01 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

and
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 30, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5947-2]

Local Government Advisory Committee; Notice of Charter Renewal

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Charter Renewal.

SUMMARY: The Charter for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) will be renewed for an additional two-year period, as a necessary committee in the public interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. appl.2 section 9(c). The purpose of LGAC is to provide advice and counsel to the Administrator of EPA on issues associated with enhancing the Agency's partnership with local governments in order to provide more efficient and effective

environmental protection. It is determined that LGAC is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise Zabinski Ney, Designated Federal Officer, LGAC, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW (1502), Washington, DC 20460 or via electronic mail at <ney.denise@epamail.epa.gov>.

Dated: December 29, 1997.

Denise Zabinski Ney,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5946-2]

EPA's National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Announcement of a Joint Requirements Planning Meeting on the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a three-day Joint Requirements Planning (JRP) meeting on EPA's development of a National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base (NCOD). The JRP is a structured meeting designed to gather requirements on a new information system from a varied body of stakeholders with an interest in the system. At the upcoming meeting, EPA is seeking review and comment from key national, state, individual stakeholders, and other interested parties concerning the data elements to be included in the development of the NCOD.

DATES: The Joint Requirements Planning Meeting on the National Drinking Water Contaminant Occurrence Data Base will be held on January 26-28, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the EPA Systems Development Center (SDC), Suite 300, conference rooms 1-3. The SDC is located at 200 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA. For additional information, please contact Harriet Colbert, at phone: (202) 260-2302, fax: (202) 260-3762, or by e-mail at colbert.harriet@epamail.epa.gov. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting may register by phone by contacting Harriet Colbert by January 16, 1998.