

application for a Blanket Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under Subpart F Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations requesting authority to engage in the activity described in Section 157.203 of the Commission's Regulations, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said motion should on or before January 20, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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 384.214 or 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-148-000]

Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

December 30, 1997.

Take notice that on December 19, 1997, Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed in Docket No. CP98-148-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216) for authorization to abandon in place by sale to Western Resources, Inc. (WRI), approximately 3,246 feet of 2-inch lateral pipeline and to relocate and replace the WRI Richmond town border meter setting and appurtenant facilities, located in Franklin County, Kansas, under WNG's blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. 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.

Specifically, WNG seeks authorization to: (1) Abandon in place by sale to WRI approximately 3,246 feet of the Richmond 2-inch lateral pipeline beginning in Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, Franklin County, Kansas and ending in Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 19 East, Franklin County, Kansas, (2) reclaim the WRI Richmond town border meter setting and appurtenant facilities from Section 13, Township 19 South, Range 19 East, Franklin County, Kansas, and (3) install a new rotary meter setting and high pressure regulator setting at the site of the existing regulator setting in Section 7, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, Franklin County, Kansas.

WNG states that selling the pipeline, replacing and relocating the town border meter setting will allow WRI to receive gas that this location at a higher delivery pressure in order to accommodate a proposed housing subdivision in the area. WNG states that the most recent annual volume through the Richmond town border setting was 27,222 Dth with a peak day volume of 259 Dth and that no significant change in volume is expected immediately. WNG states that the cost to replace and relocate the Richmond town border meter setting is estimated to be \$127,435.

WNG states that the four domestic customers located on the pipeline to be sold to WRI that are currently billed and served by WRI will continue to be served by WRI after the 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 § 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 No. 2100-083]

California Department of Water Resources; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

December 30, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) Regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed an application for a temporary modification in the minimum flow requirement at the Themalito Afterbay Outlet (Outlet) of the Feather River Hydroelectric Project, Project No. 2100-083. The project is located on the Feather River, Butte County, California. Based on an agreement with state and federal resource agencies, the licensee wishes to temporarily reduce flows at the Outlet to 1,500 cfs for a maximum of 75 days, from January 1 through March 15, 1998, to help recover water supply lost due to actions taken in spring 1997 to help fish. The agreement also calls for the licensee to increase flows to the low flow channel of the Feather River from 600 to 900 cfs from October 15, 1997 through February 28, 1998. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for the application. The EA finds that approving the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Notice of New Docket Prefix IC

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Notice is hereby given that a new docket prefix IC has been established for notices issued by the Commission on its information collection requirements. These notices announce the Commission's efforts to have public