

First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 384.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before February 20, 1998. 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-64-010]

#### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Compliance Filing

February 10, 1998.

Take notice that on February 4, 1998, Natural Gas Pipeline company of America (Natural) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, First Revised Sheet No. 247B, to be effective on November 1, 1997.

Natural states that the purpose of this filing is to rectify an inadvertent omission of text in Section 8.5(d) of its General Terms and Conditions.

Natural states that copies of the filing have been mailed to Natural's customers, interested state regulatory agencies and all parties set out on the official service list in Docket No. RP97-64.

Any person desiring to protest this 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 as provide in 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.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. MG98-5-000]

#### Texas Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Filing

February 10, 1998.

Take notice that on January 29, 1998, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas) filed revised standards of conduct to incorporate changes to its list of marketing affiliates.

Texas Gas states that it has served copies of its revised standards of conduct upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 or 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214). All such motions to intervene or protest should be filed on or before February 25, 1998. 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OA97-653-000]

#### UtiliCorp United, Inc.; Notice of Filing

February 9, 1998.

Take notice that on July 14, 1997, UtiliCorp United, Inc., tendered for filing its amended revised open access transmission tariffs in the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before February 20, 1998. 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP92-236-012]

#### Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Refund Report

February 9, 1998.

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), 200 North Third Street, Suite 300, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501, tendered for filing with the Commission, its Refund Report made in compliance with the Commission's Letter Order issued December 10, 1997, in Docket No. RP92-236-009.

Williston Basin states that on December 31, 1997, additional refunds of amounts owed to shippers and/or invoices for amounts owed to Williston Basin were mailed to Williston Basin's shippers in connection with rates that were in effect from June 1, 1992 through December 31, 1995 with interest calculated through December 31, 1997, in accordance with Section 154.501 of the Commission's Regulations.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). All such protests should be filed on or before February 11, 1998. 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of his filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Sutter Power Plant and Transmission Line Project, California

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4332, Western Area Power Administration (Western) intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) regarding the proposal by the Calpine Corporation (Calpine) to construct an electric generating facility and associated 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, approximately 3.5 miles in length, known as the Sutter Power Plant (SPP). Calpine has approached Western concerning an interconnection with Western's Keswick-Elverta and Olinda-Elverta Double-Circuit 230-kV Transmission Line. Because of the potential for incorporating new generation into Western's system, along with potential changes in the existing system, Western has determined to prepare an EIS, in accordance with U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) NEPA Implementing Procedures, 10 CFR 1021, Appendices D5 and 6 to Subpart D. The California Energy Commission (CEC) is responsible for permitting the proposed SPP. The CEC responsibilities are similar to those of a lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In the spirit of the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1501.5(b)), Western and CEC will act as "joint lead agencies" for purposes of satisfying the requirements of NEPA and CEQA, respectively. In this notice, Western and CEC announce intentions to prepare an EIS and hold a public scoping meeting for the proposed

project. Western's scoping will include notification of the public and Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies of the proposed action, and identification by the public and agencies of issues and reasonable alternatives to be considered in the EIS.

**DATES:** The scoping meeting will be Tuesday, March 3, 1998, beginning at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Veterans Memorial Community Building, 1425 Circle Drive, Yuba City, California, 95993. Written comments on the scope of the EIS for the proposed SPP should be received no later than May 5, 1998. Comments on the project will be accepted throughout the NEPA process.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you are interested in receiving future information or wish to submit written comments, please call or write Loreen McMahon, Project Manager, Western Area Power Administration, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, California, 95630-4710, (916) 353-4460, FAX: (916) 985-1930, E-mail:

mcmahon@wapa.gov. Comments may also be sent to Paul Richins, Project Manager, Energy Facilities Siting and Environmental Protection Division, California Energy Commission, 1516 Ninth Street, MS-15, Sacramento, California 95814, (916) 654-4074, E-mail: prichins@energy.state.ca.us. For general information on DOE's NEPA review procedures or status of a NEPA review, contact Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Calpine proposes to construct the SPP on lands it owns north of Sacramento, California. The SPP will be a "merchant plant." SPP will not be owned by a utility nor by a utility affiliate selling power to its utility, nor is it supported by a long-term power purchase agreement with a utility. The SPP will instead sell power on a short and mid-term basis to customers and the on-the-spot market. Power purchases by customers will be voluntary, and all economic costs will be borne by Calpine.

The SPP project consists of a nominal 500 megawatt (MW) net electrical output natural gas-fired, combined cycle generating facility, a 230-kV switching station, and 3.5 miles of new 230-kV transmission line to connect with Western's Keswick-Elverta and Olinda-Elverta Double-Circuit 230-kV Transmission Line at some point south and west of the plant. A new 12-mile

natural gas pipeline will be constructed to provide fuel for the project. The 16-inch gas pipeline will connect to an existing Pacific Gas and Electric natural gas supply line located to the west of the facility site. Potable water and cooling water will be provided by an on-site well system that will be developed as part of the project. It is expected that three wells will be developed to provide about 3,000 gallons per minute of water that will be needed during peak operating conditions. Sanitary waste will be treated on-site. The treated and other waste water generated in the operation of the plant will be discharged to an existing surface drainage system, requiring a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit.

The SPP will be located in Sutter County, California, on a portion of Calpine owned 77-acre parcel of land that contains a 49.5 MW cogeneration plant. Yuba City, California, is about 7 miles to the northeast; Oswald, California, is about 3.5 miles to the east; and Sacramento, California, is about 36 miles to the southeast of the proposed project site. The land surrounding the project area is farmland used to grow rice, walnuts, almonds, and other orchard crops.

Western was approached by Calpine to consider providing an outlet for the power produced by the SPP. Since this would require Western to make facility additions to its existing system to incorporate additional power from new generation, Western is required by the DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures to prepare an EIS on the potential environmental impacts of this proposal. Western, therefore, agreed to be the lead Federal Agency, as defined at 40 CFR 1501.5. However, because the CEC has licensing responsibilities, Western has agreed to be a joint lead with the CEC and to utilize their expertise in siting issues.

The purpose of the CEC's Energy Facilities Siting and Environmental Protection Division (Division) is to ensure that needed energy facilities are authorized according to this process in an expeditious, safe, and environmentally acceptable manner. In addition, the Division prepares all environmental documentation for the CEC as required by CEQA. To attain its objectives, the Division maintains a staff of experts in more than 20 environmental and engineering disciplines. The Division's range of technical expertise allows it to perform balanced, totally independent evaluations of complex and controversial projects.

Western and the CEC will carefully examine public health and safety,