

Service Agreement as a negotiated rate contract.

Further, Although Tennessee does not believe that the DOMAC Service Agreement "deviates in any material aspect" from the pro forma FT-A Gas Transportation Agreement contained in Volume No. 1 of Tennessee's FERC Gas Tariff (Pro Forma FT-A Agreement), Tennessee is submitting the DOMAC Service Agreement for, Commission approval pursuant to Section 154.1(d) of the Commission's Regulations because it contains certain provisions which differ from Tennessee's Pro Forma FT-A Agreement.

Tennessee states that the DOMAC Service Agreement reflects the authorizations granted by the Commission in its June 25 Order.

Tennessee states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all affected customers and state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this 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 Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided 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 this 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 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. ER98-1839-000]

UtiliCorp United Inc.; Notice of Filing

February 24, 1998.

Take notice that on February 12, 1998, UtiliCorp United Inc., tendered for filing on behalf of its operating division, WestPlains Energy-Kansas, a Service Agreement under its Power Sales Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 12, with American Electric Power Service Corporation. The Service Agreement provides for the sale of

capacity and energy by WestPlains Energy-Kansas to American Electric Power Service Corporation pursuant to the tariff.

UtiliCorp also has tendered for filing a Certificate of Concurrence by American Electric Power Service Corporation.

UtiliCorp requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations to permit the Service Agreement to become effective in accordance with its terms.

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 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CAR 385.211 and 18 CAR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before March 9, 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. CP98-235-000]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

February 24, 1998.

Take notice that on February 17, 1998, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams), One Williams Center, P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed in Docket No. CP98-235-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon in place by sale to Warren Energy Resources, Limited Partnership (Warren) approximately 7.0 miles of 12-inch lateral pipelines and related facilities, located in Garfield County, Oklahoma, under Williams' blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) 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.

Williams proposes to abandon in place by sale to Warren approximately 7.0 miles of 12-inch lateral pipelines comprising the North Enid pipeline system and equipment related to or used in connection with the operation of these pipelines, located in Garfield County, Oklahoma. Warren proposes to purchase these pipelines to be used as part of its gathering system.

Williams states that the primary function of the 2-inch lines was to deliver volumes of gas from the Enid N.E. Plant into their Ringwood 16-inch line for further transmission on their general system. Williams declares it has determined that the 12-inch pipelines are no longer required by them and will serve a more useful purpose as a part of the Warren pipeline system. Williams states the sales price of the facilities is \$56,000.

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.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-213-007]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Amended Market Expansion Project (Lines VM-105, VM-106, and VM-109) and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

February 24, 1998.

The Staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will

discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities consisting of about 6.9 miles of 20- and 24-inch diameter pipeline proposed in the Amended Market Expansion Project (Lines VM-105, VM-106, and VM-109).¹ The pipeline facilities are proposed instead of certain compression which had previously been approved by the Commission. The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) proposes to amend its Market Expansion Project authorized in a Commission Order dated May 14, 1997 (Order). Columbia states that due to a more detailed facility design analysis, it has determined that certain compression facilities approved in the Order are no longer required and certain other facilities not approved in the Order will be needed. The effect of the proposed facility revisions would be to decrease the overall cost of the Market Expansion Project facilities by about \$3,280,700.

The new facilities that Columbia proposes to construct and the facilities it proposes to delete from the Market Expansion Project (facilities approved but not yet constructed) are listed below:

New Proposed Facilities (Louisa County, Virginia)

- Line VM-105 Loop—construct 0.3 mile of 20-inch-diameter loop on the suction side of the Boswells Tavern compressor Station;
- Line VM-106 Replacement—replace 0.6 mile of 12-inch-diameter pipeline with 24-inch-diameter pipeline on the discharge side of the Boswells Tavern Compressor Station;
- Upgrade a meter station within the Boswells Tavern Compressor Station; and
- Line VM-109—construct 6.0 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline loop from its mainline valve 3 to its Louisa Compressor Station.

Canceled Market Expansion Project Facilities

The following facilities are portions of the previously approved Market Expansion Project but have not yet been constructed. In this proposal, Columbia wishes to cancel these items in lieu of the new proposed facilities listed above.

¹ Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

- Louisa Compressor Station—a new 1,350 horsepower (hp) unit at the existing compressor station in Louisa County, Virginia and a relocated 1,140 hp unit from the Petersburg Compressor Station in Prince George County, Virginia.

- Petersburg Compressor Station—a new 1,100 hp unit at the existing compressor station in Prince George County, Virginia.

- Hamlin Compressor Station—a new 3,175 hp compressor station in Lincoln County, West Virginia and a relocated 825 hp unit from the Dungannon Compressor Station in Columbiana County, Ohio.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require the disturbance of about 85 acres of land. Following construction, about 14 acres would be maintained as new permanent right-of-way. The remaining 71 acres of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires use to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands

²The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

- Vegetation and wildlife
- Endangered and threatened species
- Public safety
- Land use
- Cultural resources
- Air quality and noise
- Hazardous waste

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resources areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Columbia. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- About 0.46 acre of forested wetland would be permanently converted to emergent wetland in the project area.
- A total of 5.4 miles of the Line VM-109 Loop would cross the Green Springs Rural Historic District which is listed as a National Historic Landmark.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental

Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.2

- Reference Docket No. CP96-213-007; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before March 26, 1998.

If you are interested in obtaining procedural information, please write to the Secretary of the Commission.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor." Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention.

You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis

February 24, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application:* Minor License.
- b. *Project No.:* 11120-002.
- c. *Date Filed:* March 3, 1994.
- d. *Applicant:* Commonwealth Power Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Middleville Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Thornapple River, Thornapple Township, Barry County, Michigan.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Jan Marie Evans, Commonwealth Power Company, 4572 Sequoia Trail, Okemos, MI 48864, (517) 351-5400.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mark Pawlowski, 202-219-2795, or E-mail at mark.pawlowski@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline Date:* See attached paragraph D9.

k. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* The application is now ready for environmental analysis—see attached paragraph D9.

l. *Brief Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) an existing concrete, gravity dam 12 feet high and 80 feet long; (2) an existing reservoir with a storage capacity of approximately 30 acres and a normal maximum surface elevation of 708.5 feet mean sea level; (3) an existing penstock approximately 25 feet by 25 feet; (4) an existing powerhouse with one generating unit having a capacity of 350 kilowatts; (5) an existing transmission line approximately 100 feet long; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

m. *This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs:* A4 and D9.

n. *A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at:* 888 First St., N.E., Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy of the application is also available at Commonwealth Power Company, Sequoia Trail, Okemos, MI 48864, or by calling (517) 351-5400.

A4. *Development Application*—Public notice of the filing of the initial development application, which has already been given, established the due date for filing competing applications or notices of intent. Under the Commission's regulations, any competing development application must be filed in response to and in compliance with the public notice of the initial development application. No competing applications or notices of intent may be filed in response to this notice.

D9. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—The application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

The Commission directs, pursuant to section 4.34(b) of the regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 Fed. Reg. 23108 (May 20, 1991)), that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning

the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to: Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Room 5K-01, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis

February 24, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application:* Minor License.
- b. *Project No.:* 11516-000.
- c. *Date Filed:* January 25, 1995.