

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP98-244-000]

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

February 26, 1998.

Take notice that on February 19, 1998, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed in Docket No. CP98-244-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.208, 157.212, and 157.216, of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.208, 157.212, 157.216) for authorization (1) to replace and relocate the Kansas Gas Service Company, a Division of ONEOK, Inc. (Kansas Gas), Whispering Hills town border meter setting and appurtenant facilities and (2) to abandon by reclaim the Kansas Gas Monticello West town border meter setting and appurtenant facilities and transfer the volume associated with Monticello West to the new Whispering Hills town border meter setting, all in Johnson County, Kansas under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. 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.

Williams connected the storage line serving Whispering Hills to the Bonner Springs 10-inch pipeline pursuant to the notice filed in Docket No. CP97-608-000. However, the proposed line to connect the Monticello West town border was not constructed.

Williams will connect the proposed new town border setting to both the Bonner Springs 10-inch line and the Craig storage field 20-inch line. The new town border setting will initially be served from the 10-inch Bonner Springs line since the 20-inch Craig storage line is being used to complete withdrawal of gas from the Craig storage field. Williams cannot begin withdrawing gas from the north end of the storage field until the proposed abandonment and replacement of the town border settings has been completed. After the storage field is depleted, the Bonner Springs 10-inch line will be conveyed to Kansas Gas as contemplated in the Craig storage field abandonment filing, and the new Whispering Hills town border setting will be served from the Craig 20-inch line which Williams will retain.

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.

David P. Boergers,*Acting Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP98-242-000]

Williams Gas Processing-Gulf Coast Company, L.P.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

February 25, 1998.

Take notice that, on February 17, 1998, Williams Gas Processing-Gulf Coast Company, L.P. (WGP), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed a petition pursuant to Rule 207 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.207). WGP requests a declaratory order stating that its acquisition of the Tilden-McMullen Gathering System (TMGS), currently owned by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), will not subject WGP to the jurisdiction of the Commission. All of this is more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

This petition is a companion to Transco's concurrent application in Docket No. CP98-236-000, to abandon the TMGS by transfer to WGP. WGP is a limited partnership formed for the purpose of acquiring and operating gathering and processing facilities. WGP is wholly owned by Williams Field Services Group, Inc., which in turn, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Williams Companies, Inc. WGP is also an affiliate of Transco, which is a subsidiary of the Williams Companies, Inc.

WGP and Transco have entered into a Transfer Agreement under which Transco will transfer its TMGS

gathering facilities to WGP. WGP states that after the transfer, WGP will provide gathering and treating services on the TMGS Gathering system. WGP states further that it has executed post-abandonment gathering agreements with two of the current shippers, and intends to negotiate with all existing shippers.

The TMGS is located in Wharton, Jackson, Victoria, Goliad, Bee, Live Oak, La Salle, Atascosa, Frio, San Patricio, Dewitt and McMullen Counties, Texas. The facilities comprising the TMGS include a Treating Plant in McMullen County, Texas, an 450.21 miles of 2-inch to 24-inch pipeline.

Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 18, 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 385.214 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 service to make 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, or 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 WGP to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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