

being due from Lear Exploration, Inc. (Lear), as a result of gas sales that Lear made to ANR before December 31, 1986, and that ANR sent that Statement of Refunds Due to Lear, not BP.

BP further explains that BP America, Inc., BP's parent, acquired Lear Petroleum Corporation, Lear's parent, in 1988, and that through corporate reorganization, BP became Lear's parent company. BP adds that it sold Lear's stock to another entity in 1991, but remained responsible for the past refund obligations of Lear. BP also states that Lear sold the properties in question to Total Minatome Corporation (Total Minatome) on December 31, 1986, prior to BP America, Inc.'s acquisition of Lear's stock. BP states that Lear retained liability for refunds from sales made before the transfer to Total Minatome, and that the sales that generated the refunds were all made by Lear before the transfer to Total Minatome.

Because BP did not receive any notice of the refund obligation until after February 24, 1998, BP contends that it was not afforded the full 120-day period that the Commission intended first sellers to have, to evaluate their refund obligations. BP also points out that the refunds in question pertain to sales from properties that Lear disposed of prior to the date that BP America, Inc., acquired Lear. Therefore, BP requests a 106-day extension of the refund deadline, from March 9, 1998 to June 23, 1998.

BP also requests adjustment relief from its obligation to refund the interest that accrued on BP's outstanding balance between November 10, 1997 and February 24, 1998, on the basis that BP's response to the Commission's refund order, through no fault of its own, has been unavoidably delayed. BP argues that it would be inequitable to require BP to pay interest during the 106-day period between November 10, 1997 and February 24, 1998.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 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, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-335-000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 10, 1998.

Take notice that on April 6, 1998, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), Post Office Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP98-335-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to increase capacity at a delivery facility authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-21-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

CIG states that on January 27, 1998, it filed a prior notice, in Docket No. CP98-207-000, for a new delivery facility to be located within CIG's Kit Carson Compressor Station in Cheyenne County, Colorado. The filing was noticed on February 3, 1998 and there were no protests. The proposed delivery facility filed for on January 27, 1998, consisted of a two-inch meter run and appurtenant facilities at an estimated cost of \$8,000. CIG further states that Union Pacific Fuels, Inc., has now determined they will need a four-inch meter run and appurtenant facilities with the associated increase in capacity at this location. CIG reports that the estimated cost of the revised facility would be \$10,500.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, 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 NGA.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-334-000]

Midwestern Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 10, 1998.

Take notice that on April 6, 1998, Midwestern Gas Transmission Company (Midwestern), Post Office Box 2511, Houston, Texas 77252, filed in Docket No. CP98-334-000 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 upgrade a delivery point for continued service to Western Kentucky Gas Company (Western Kentucky), a local distribution company. Midwestern makes such request under its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-414-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Midwestern request authorization to modify an existing delivery point on its system in Daviess County, Kentucky in order to deliver additional volumes at that delivery point to Western Kentucky. Midwestern proposes to upgrade its existing Meter Station No. 2-7068 located at Milepost 2106-1+3.88, in order to enable Midwestern to deliver on an interruptible and firm basis up to 30 MMcf a day of natural gas at that meter station.

Specifically, Midwestern is proposing to modify the existing meter station by removing the existing 2-inch orifice meter and associated piping, 2-inch flow control valve and associated bypass and isolation valves, 3-inch check valve and approximately 45 feet of 3-inch diameter interconnecting pipe. Midwestern states that it will install an 8-inch orifice meter, 4-inch flow control valve and associated bypass and isolation valves, 8-inch check valve and approximately 45 feet of 8-inch diameter interconnecting pipe. Additionally, Midwestern states that it also proposes to reconfigure the