

filed no later than June 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 proceedings. 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. CP98-574-000]

#### Iroquois Gas Transmission System L.P.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

June 5, 1998.

Take notice that on May 29, 1998, Iroquois Gas Transmission System L.P. (Iroquois) One Corporate Drive, Suite 600, Shelton, Connecticut 06484, filed in Docket No. CP98-574-000 a request for authorization pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211(b)) for authorization to construct a new sales tap on its system on behalf of Athens Generating Company, L.P. (Athens) under Iroquois' blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP89-34-000<sup>1</sup> 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, Iroquois proposes to construct a side tap tee and valve assembly at the request of Athens, a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of U.S. Generating Company, LLC, which is developing a 1080 megawatt gas-fired electric power plant in Athens, New York. Iroquois states that the proposed in service date of this power plant is mid-to-late 2001. Iroquois notes that Athens has not yet contracted for service on Iroquois and explains that the pre-application report which Athens filed with the New York State Department of Public Service indicates that they expect to receive gas supply through Iroquois' facilities. Iroquois claims that because no such agreement for service has been executed, Iroquois is unable to specify with precision all of the elements of the arrangement.

Iroquois asserts, however, that it expects that service will be provided under Iroquois' existing RTS and/or ITS Rate Schedules.

Iroquois states that the proposed sales tap is to be installed at a point immediately upstream of the new mainline valve, which is to be installed in connection with the proposed Athens Compressor Station.<sup>2</sup> Iroquois indicates that while the annual volume of gas to be delivered through the proposed sales tap has not yet been conclusively determined, Iroquois and Athens estimate that the proposed electric power plant will have the ability to consume up to 170,000 dt per day of natural gas. Iroquois reports that Athens will reimburse Iroquois for the costs of constructing the sales tap, up to \$37,000 and notes that while Athens has agreed to bear the costs of constructing the sales taps as those costs are incurred, Iroquois will refund these costs to Athens when service is actually provided through the tap.

Iroquois also requests a waiver of section 157.206(f) of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 206(f)), which requires that any construction authorized under Section 157.205 be completed and in actual operation within one year of the date of authorization. Iroquois asserts that this waiver is necessary to allow Iroquois to construct the sales tap during the construction of its proposed Athens Compressor Station authorized in Docket No. CP96-687.

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. CP96-152-000, et al.]

#### Kansas Pipeline Company; Notice of Technical Conference

June 5, 1998.

Take notice that on June 18, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Commission Staff will convene a technical conference in the above captioned docket at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 1st Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Any party, as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(c), and any participant, as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend.

The purpose of the conference is to discuss the Service Agreements between Kansas Pipeline Company and its customers, Missouri Gas Energy and Kansas Gas Service Company.

For further information, contact Sharon Dameron (202) 208-2017, Office of the General Counsel.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-575-000]

#### Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

June 5, 1998.

Take notice that on May 29, 1998, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), P.O. Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251-1478, filed in Docket No. CP98-575-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for authorization and approval to abandon a pipeline segment by sale in place to Mid Louisiana Gas Company (MidLouisiana). Koch Gateway makes such request, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Koch Gateway proposes to abandon 271 feet of an 8-inch pipeline segment which it designates as Index 270-80-1, in East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana. It is stated that upon successful abandonment in place, Koch Gateway would sell the 8-inch pipeline segment to MidLouisiana, who would use the segment to augment its natural gas transmission system.

<sup>1</sup> See Opinion No. 357 issued November 14, 1990 (53 FERC ¶ 61,194 (1990)).

<sup>2</sup> Iroquois notes that it will make any future filings which may be necessary to operate the proposed sales tap at the appropriate time.