

areas or in the capacity of Williams' facilities serving these areas. Williams states that there will be no change in volumes delivered as a result of its proposal.

Williams states that in the agreement to assign and transfer the pipeline facilities, MGE agrees to accept and provide service to all domestic customers currently receiving gas from the pipelines to be abandoned.

Williams states that inasmuch as this is a request to abandon lateral pipeline facilities in place by sale to a local distribution company, such change is not prohibited by an existing tariff, and that Williams has sufficient capacity to accomplish the deliveries specified without detriment or disadvantage to its other customers.

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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-9-000]

#### Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

October 28, 1998.

Take notice that on October 8, 1998, as supplemented on October 19, 1998, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company, (Williston Basin) 200 North Third Street, Suite 300, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501, filed in Docket No. CP99-9-000. an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for an order permitting and approving the abandonment by removal of four meter stations and appurtenant

facilities in North Dakota, as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Williston Basin reports that the four meter stations are: Western-Mosbacher-Pruett meter station, the Phillips Rawson Booster meter station and the Western Watford City meter station all located in McKenzie County, North Dakota; and the Temple meter station located in Williams County, North Dakota.

Williston Basin says the field compressors and oil enhancement recovery project previously fueled by the gas delivered through these four meters stations have been removed or abandoned so there are no downstream operating facilities. Williston Basin states that the facilities to be abandoned are located on existing pipeline right-of-way, and all excavation at the sites will take place entirely on existing, previously disturbed, pipeline right-of-way. Williston Basin asserts that no retail sales and/or transportation to end-use customers will be affected by this proposed abandonment.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before November 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 and 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 serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party in any proceeding herein 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 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 herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment 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 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 Williston Basin to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2666-007, Maine]

#### Bangor Hydroelectric Company; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

October 28, 1998.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing reviewed the application for a new license for the Medway Hydroelectric Project, and prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. The Medway Project is located on the West Branch Penobscot River in the town of Medway, Penobscot County, Maine. The DEA contains the staff's analysis of potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The DEA is available in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Comments should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. For further information, contact David Turner, Environmental Coordinator, at (202) 219-2844.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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