DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-128-001]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 27, 2000.

Take notice that on January 18, 2000, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 6B, with the proposed effective date of January 1, 2000.

Williams states that on December 1, 1999, it made a filing pursuant to Article 13 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff to reflect revised fuel and loss reimbursement percentages for the production and market areas and for storage. By order issued December 28, 1999 (order), the Commission accepted the filing to be effective January 1, 2000, subject to Williams filing within 20 days of the order, a revised tariff sheet and workpapers listing the revised fuel and loss reimbursement percentage for the production area that reflects the removal of the out-of-period adjustment of 219,080 Dth for fuel retained. This filing is being made to comply with the order. Williams reserves the right to modify this filing should the Commission modify its December 28, 1999 order.

Williams states that a copy of its filing was served on all participants listed on the service list maintained by the Commission in the docket referenced above and on all of Williams' jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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 the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/

rims.htm (call 202–208–2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 11512-000 Oregon]

John Bigelow; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

January 27, 2000.

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 has reviewed the application for a new license for the existing McKenzie Hydroelectric Project. The project is located on the McKenzie River, in Lane County, Oregon.

On July 10, 1998, the Commission staff issued a draft environmental assessment (DEA) for the project and requested that comments be filed with the Commission within 45 days. Comments on the DEA were filed by two entities and are addressed in the final environmental assessment (FEA) for the project.

The FEA contains the staff's analysis of the 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.

Copies of the FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. This filing may also be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm (please call (202) 208–2222 for assistance).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. CP99-284-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Index 1 Pipeline and Laterals Abandonment Project

January 27, 2000.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the abandonment of the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch) in the abovereferenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the proposed abandonment of the pipelines and appurtenant facilities including:

- Abandon in place about 72.4 miles of 10-, 16-, 18-, and 20-inch-diameter Index 1 Pipeline in Kaufman, Dallas, and Tarrant Counties, Texas:
- Abandon in place the following lateral pipeline totaling about 29.2 miles in Dallas and Tarrant Counties, Texas:
- 7.3 miles of 12-inch-diameter Index 1–31 pipeline;
- 0.9 mile of 18-inch-diameter Index 1–37 pipeline;
- 5.6 miles of 20-inch-diameter Index 1–37 pipeline;
- 10.6 miles of 16-inch-diameter Index 4 pipeline;
- 4.7 miles of 20-inch-diameter Index 6 pipeline; and
- 0.1 mile of 4-inch-diameter Index 808 pipeline.
- Construct and operate 39 "pig" launching and receiving facilities to clean out the pipelines proposed for abandonment; and
- Abandon by removal appurtenant facilities consisting of 6 meter stations, 39 blow-off assemblies, 12 by-pass valves, 15 block valves, 8 tap valves, 40 segments of pipeline of various diameters totaling about 429 feet, about 1,690 feet of pipeline of various diameters at four waterbody crossings, 1,648 feet of exposed pipeline, 62 farm taps, 5 industrial taps, and certain other minor facilities.

Koch seeks authority to abandon these facilities due to rising operating and