

must be filed on or before March 7, 2000. 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222) for assistance. Answers to the complaint shall also be due on or before March 7, 2000.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-89-000]

#### Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

February 17, 2000.

Take notice that on February 11, 2000, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), PO Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251-1478, filed in Docket No. CP00-89-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon in place by sale to Koch Midstream Services Company (Midstream), a Texas intrastate pipeline company, various natural gas gathering pipelines and associated compression, taps, laterals, metering stations, and appurtenant facilities, under Koch Gateway's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-430, 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Koch Gateway states that these gathering facilities are located in the east Texas counties of Rusk and Gregg and are classified and functionalized as natural gas gathering and operate as gathering laterals connecting producing wells in the Henderson and Willow Springs producing areas to Koch Gateway. Koch Gateway states the continued operation and maintenance of

the gathering facilities by Koch Gateway is no longer justified as a part of Koch Gateway's interstate pipeline system. Koch Gateway avers that these facilities are no longer part of Koch Gateway's core pipeline assets, and Koch Gateway currently has no plans to expand its natural gas gathering services in the Henderson and Willow Springs areas. Koch Gateway states that upon approval of the requested abandonment, and the closing of the sale of the gathering facilities, the facilities that will be interconnected with the existing intrastate pipeline system of Midstream Koch Gateway states that all of Koch Gateway's customers who have utilized the gathering facilities between and including January 1999 and December 1999 has accepted an equivalent offer from the parties and has consented to the proposed abandonment. The contact person for this filing is Kyle Stephens, Director of Certificates, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company, PO Box 1478, Houston, Texas, 77251-1478, (713) 544-7309.

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,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-82-000]

#### Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Application

February 17, 2000.

Take notice that on February 8, 2000, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams Central), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74101, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of

the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction of a pipeline expansion project on its Sedalia Line and its Ottawa Crossover facilities. The details of Williams Central's proposal are more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This application may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Bart Wherritt, Manager, Certificates & Tariffs at (918) 573-4369, or at Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc., P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101.

Williams Central proposes to construct about 1.5 miles of 24-inch pipeline and related facilities between the Ottawa Crossover and the Ottawa Compressor Station. They also propose to upgrade of two existing compressor units on its Sedalia Line at the Peculiar Compressor Station from 1,350 horsepower each to 2,000 horsepower each, and install new ISO rated 1,590 horsepower turbine set at the Peculiar Compressor Station. Finally, they propose to convert an 800 horsepower compressor unit at Concordia Compressor Station from Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) Section 311 authorization to NGA Section 7(c) authorization.

Williams Central says that the additional facilities will allow them to provide incremental firm transportation service to two customers of its East of Ottawa/Sedalia Line system (UtiliCorp United, Inc. (UtiliCorp); and U.S. Energy Services, as agent for Tyson Foods, Inc.). The new service provided will support growing LDC requirements, industrial needs and most significantly, the new Pleasant Hill power plant that will be constructed in Cass County, Missouri. The cost to construct the Ottawa pipeline, upgrade the two existing compressor units, and install the new Solar turbine at the Peculiar station is estimated to be about \$9.7 million. The cost associated with the conversion of the 800 horsepower compressor unit at Concordia station is \$2.3 million, for a total project cost of \$13.0 million.

Williams Central says that beginning on June 1, 2001, they will provide 35,000 Dth/d of firm service year-round to UtiliCorp in both the production and market areas for four years. During the initial four year term, for the 35,000 Dth/d amount, Williams Central and UtiliCorp have agreed that the reservation rate paid by UtiliCorp will not exceed the maximum reservation rate in effect on October 31, 1999. The