

the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your comments to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas Group 1, PJ-11.1;

- Reference Docket No. CP00-47-000; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 3, 2000.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

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 Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Pleasant Hill Pipeline Project

June 2, 2000.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams) in the above-referenced docket. The proposed project would include the construction and operation of approximately 1.5 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline; and 2,890-horsepower (hp) of compression at an existing compressor station; and the conversion of the regulatory authority of an 800-hp compressor unit at an existing compressor station from Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) Section 311 to Natural Gas Act (NGA) Part 284 service.

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.

Williams proposes to build new pipeline and compression facilities to expand the capacity of its system in Kansas and Missouri. The new facilities would enable Williams to transport an additional 44,200 Dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of natural gas in the winter and an additional 88,200 Dth/d of natural gas in the summer.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following proposed natural gas transmission facilities:

- About 1.5 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline from the Ottawa Compressor Station to the Ottawa Crossover in Franklin County, Kansas;

- Two upgraded compressor units: from 1,350-hp each to 2,000-hp each at the existing Peculiar Compressor Station in Cass County, Missouri; and

- One 1,590-hp turbine compressor at the Peculiar Compressor Station.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance

Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, affected landowners, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your comments to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas/Hydro Group, PJ-11.3;

- Reference Docket No. CP00-082-000; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 1, 2000.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222. Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For

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David P. Boergers, Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

June 2, 2000.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions

made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications received in the Office of the Secretary within the preceding 14 days. The documents may be viewed on the Internet at http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Exempt:

- 1. Project No. 696 5-24-00 Thomas H. Nelson.
2. CP00-59-001 5-5-00 Curtis B. James.
3. CP00-232-000 5-23-00 Charles de la Rock.
4. Project No. 2551 5-4-00 Frank M. Simms.
5. CP99-392-000 4-25-00 Don L. Klima.
6. CP00-6-000 5-30-00 Ken Huntington.

Prohibited:

- 1. ER00-1262-001 5-31-00 Lydia B. Vollmer.

David P. Boergers, Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6713-4]

Adequacy Status of Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets in Submitted State Implementation Plans for Transportation Conformity Purposes; Pennsylvania; Revised Attainment and ROP Plans for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy status.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing that the revised motor vehicle emissions budgets (budgets) contained in the revised attainment plan for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area and in the revised Rate of Progress Plans (ROP) for the Pennsylvania portion of the area submitted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision are adequate for

transportation conformity purposes. The Commonwealth submitted the revised plans to EPA on February 25, 2000. The plans consist of the 2005 attainment demonstration for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area and the 1999, 2002, and 2005 ROP plans for the Pennsylvania portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area. EPA has found the budgets for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area in the revised attainment and ROP plans submitted by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on February 25, 2000 adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

DATES: The findings that the budgets are adequate were made in a letter dated May 31, 2000 from EPA Region III to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and are effective on June 23, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Budney, U.S. EPA, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 at (215) 814-2184 or by e-mail at: Budney.Larry@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document the terms "we," "us," or "our" refer to EPA. The

word "budgets" refers to the motor vehicle emission budgets for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NOx). The words "revised SIP" in this document refers to the revised attainment plan for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area and the revised ROP plans for the Pennsylvania portion of the area submitted to EPA by the Pennsylvania DEP on February 25, 2000. The revised SIP includes the revised attainment demonstration for the one-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area and the revised ROP plans (1999, 2002 and 2005) for the Pennsylvania portion of the area. The Pennsylvania portion of the nonattainment area consists of Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery, and Bucks Counties.

On March 2, 1999, the D.C. Circuit Court ruled that the budgets contained in submitted SIPs cannot be used for transportation conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate.

By a transmittal letter dated February 25, 2000, PADEP submitted its revised SIP for the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Area. On March 13, 2000, we posted the