

on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents, and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Comments will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, Commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission, and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a Federal court.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important to file comments or to intervene as early in the proceeds as possible.

Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be used.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-33-002]

#### Questar Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

December 18, 2000.

Take notice that on December 7, 2000, pursuant to 18 CFR 154.7, Questar Pipeline Company (Questar) tendered its answer to protest.

Questar states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with Ordering Paragraph (C) of the Commission's Order on Filings to Establish Imbalance Netting and Trading Pursuant to Order Nos. 587-G and 587-L issued November 9, 2000, in Docket Nos. RM96-1-014, *et al.*, which directed Questar to file an answer to the joint protest of the protestors in Docket No. RP01-33-000.

Questar states that a copy of this answer has been served upon each person designated of the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before December 26, 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 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). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-12-001]

#### Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

December 18, 2000.

Take notice that on November 27, 2000, Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Company (Reliant) tendered its compliance filing with the Commission's Order on Filings to Establish Imbalance Netting and Trading Pursuant to Order Nos. 587-G and 587-L [93 F.E.R.C. ¶ 61,093 (2000)] issued on October 27, 2000 (October 27 Order).

Reliant states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the requirements of the October 27 Order.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before December 26, 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 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). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-55-001]

#### WestGas InterState, Inc.; Notice of Compliance Filing

December 18, 2000.

Take notice that on December 11, 2000, WestGas InterState, Inc. (WGI) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1,

the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of November 1, 2000:

Second Revised Sheet No. 47  
Original Sheet No. 47A  
Original Sheet No. 47B

WGI states that the purpose of the filing to provide for netting and trading of imbalances, in compliance with the Commission's "Order on Filings to Establish Imbalance Netting and Trading Pursuant to Order Nos. 587-G and 587-L," issued in Docket Nos. RM96-1-014, *et al.*, on November 9, 2000. *Standard for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, 93 FERC ¶61,150 (2000).

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before December 26, 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 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). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-394-001]

#### Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Petition To Amend

December 18, 2000.

Take notice that on December 11, 2000, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams), P.O. Box 20008, Owensboro, Kentucky 42304, filed in Docket No. CP00-394-001 a petition pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to amend its application filed June 21, 2000, for permission and approval to abandon certain pipeline facilities located in Kansas, all as more fully set forth in the application 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/htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

In Docket No. CP00-394-000 Williams proposed to abandon approximately 64.3 miles of the Pampa 20-inch pipeline (Line G) and appurtenant facilities located in Butler, Chase and Lyon Counties, Kansas. Williams proposed to abandon the facilities by sale for subsequent reclaim for salvage and abandonment in place. It was explained that the proposed abandonment is part of Williams' ongoing effort to eliminate old, high maintenance pipelines.

In Docket No. CP00-394-001 Williams proposes to modify its original proposal by increasing the length of pipeline to be abandoned in place to 50.2 miles and to decrease the length of pipeline to be abandoned by sale for reclaim to 14.1 miles. Williams states that of the 14.1 miles to be removed, it still plans to abandon in place segments of the pipeline located under roads and where it traverses other sensitive environmental areas such as streams and wetlands, and to abandon by removal all above-ground facilities, such as pig traps, value, etc.

It is explained that the total length of the Pampa Line to be abandoned would remain the same 64.3 miles as proposed in the original application. William states that the reason for the change is that following receipt of landowner comments and further evaluation of environmental and land use impacts, it has determined that the proposed modification would minimize these impacts while accommodating landowner preferences. Williams estimates the costs associated with the abandonment at \$173,000 and estimates the sale price of the segment to be reclaimed at \$256,781. Williams proposes to commence the abandonment on April 1, 2001 and estimates completion by June 30, 2001.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to David N. Roberts, Manager, Tariffs & Regulatory Analysis, at (270) 688-6712, P.O. Box 20008, Owensboro, Kentucky 42304.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protests with reference to said application should on or before January 8, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 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 or 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 to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules. Comments and protests may be filed electronically in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website at <http://ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory 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 a grant of the certificate 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 a 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 Williams to appear or be represented at the hearing.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-47-000]

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

December 18, 2000.

Take notice that on December 7, 2000, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), 1250 West Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503, filed in Docket No. CP01-47-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Williston Basin to install additional facilities at an existing compressor station located in Fallon County,