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Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2466-017]

Appalachian Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

May 1, 1997.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA is for proposed spillway stability improvements to the Niagara Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2466). The EA finds that approval of the proposed improvements would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Niagara Hydroelectric Project is located on the Roanoke River in Roanoke County, Virginia.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be viewed at the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager listed below. For further information, please contact the project manager, Robert J. Fletcher, at (202) 219-1206.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2232-323]

Duke Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

May 1, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's)

regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing (OHL) has reviewed Duke Power Company's application requesting Commission authorization to: (1) Grant an easement to the Town of Valdese, North Carolina (Valdese) to expand its raw water withdrawal facilities on 0.04 acres of land within the boundary of the Catawba-Wateree Project, and (2) allow Valdese to withdraw up to 12 million gallons per day (mgd) of water from Lake Rhodhiss.

The staff of OHL's Division of Licensing and Compliance has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed action. In the EA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the environmental impacts of the proposed project and has concluded that approval of the licensee's proposal would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 or by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 9648-011, 9649-011, and 9650-020]

Westinghouse Electric Corporation (Fellows Dam Project, Lovejoy Dam Project, and Gilman Dam Project); Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

May 1, 1997.

A draft environmental assessment (DEA) is available for public review. The DEA examines plans for the installation of downstream Atlantic Salmon fish passage at the Fellows Dam Project, Lovejoy Dam Project, and Gilman Dam Project, all located on the Black River, Vermont. The DEA recommends the planning and installation of downstream fish passage at the Fellows Dam and Lovejoy Dam projects, following final consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife. The DEA finds that safe downstream passage already exists at the Gilman Project through the open

natural downstream channel adjacent to that project. The DEA also finds that approval of the work would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The DEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the DEA can be viewed at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager listed below.

Please submit any comments within 40 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Comments should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 9648-011, 9649-011, and 9650-020 to all comments. For further information, please contact the project manager, Pete Yarrington, at (202) 219-2939.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-337-000, et al.]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company, et al. Natural Gas Certificate Filings

April 29, 1997.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Koch Gateway Pipeline Company

[Docket No. CP97-337-000]

Take notice that on April 11, 1997, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), P.O. Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251-1478, filed in Docket No. CP97-337-000, an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations, for permission and approval to abandon by sale to Delhi Gas Pipeline Corporation certain gathering and transmission facilities located in Goliad, DeWitt, Karnes and Bee Counties, Texas; all as more fully set forth in the Application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Specifically, Koch Gateway seeks to abandon by sale, the Cabeza Creek Gathering System consisting of approximately 102 miles of various gathering lines ranging from 2-inch to 12-inch pipeline and the Cabeza Creek Compressor Station; and approximately 24 miles of 8-inch, 10-inch, and 16-inch transmission pipeline.

Comment date: May 20, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

2. Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company

[Docket No. CP97-361-000]

Take notice that on April 21, 1997, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), Suite 300, 200 North Third Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501, filed in Docket No. CP97-361-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon by sale to Constitution Gas Transport Company, Inc. (Constitution) certain transmission, gathering, and related land rights and services, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Williston Basin proposes to abandon its Liscom Creek Compressor Station and 12.0 miles of 3 and 4-inch diameter pipeline all located in Cluster County, Montana. Williston Basin proposes to sell the facilities to Constitution for \$120,000.

Comment date: May 20, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph F at the end of this notice.

3. Texas Gas Transmission Corporation

[Docket No. CP97-369-000]

Take notice that, on April 22, 1997, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas), 3800 Frederica Street, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301, filed a request under its blanket certificate in Docket No. CP82-407-000 and §§ 157.205, 157.212, and 157.216(b) of the Commission's regulations, for authorization to: (1) Replace and relocate its Park City delivery point, in Barren County, Kentucky (at an estimated cost of \$55,000); and (2) abandon its 1,827-foot, Park City 2-inch Line and existing delivery point (i.e., the existing 2-inch positive displacement meter facility) by conveyance to Western Kentucky Gas Company (WKG), all as more fully set forth in the request, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Texas Gas states that the Park City delivery point was originally constructed by Kentucky Natural Gas

Corporation, a predecessor of Texas Gas, and that it was certificated in 1943 in Docket No. G-376.

Texas Gas proposes to relocate the Park City delivery point from the Park City 2-inch Line to the side-valve location on its Bowling Green-Munfordville 8-inch Line, at approximately mile 24+4081, where the Park City 2-inch Line originates. Texas Gas proposes to install, own, and operate a new 2-inch skid-mounted orifice meter facility, electronic flow measurement, telemetry, and related facilities on a lot acquired by Texas Gas. Texas Gas states that it is replacing and relocating the Park City delivery point's meter facility to upgrade the measurement facilities and relocate the meter to a site that is more convenient for operation and maintenance of the station.

Texas Gas states that its Park City delivery point is used to serve customers of WKG, in the Park City, Kentucky area. Texas Gas also states that, because the Park City delivery point is merely being relocated, service to the customers of WKG will not be affected by the proposed abandonment of the existing delivery point. Texas Gas further states that its proposal will not significantly affect its peak-day and annual deliveries, that WKG has not requested any increase in contract quantity, and that service to WKG through the relocated Park City delivery point can be accomplished without detriment to Texas Gas' other customers.

Comment date: June 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

4. National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation

[Docket No. CP97-371-000]

Take notice that on April 22, 1997, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed in Docket No. CP97-371-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.211, and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211, 157.216) for authorization to construct and operate new sales tap facilities and to abandon sales tap facilities, located in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, under National's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-4-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) 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.

National proposes to relocate an existing sales tap, designated as Station T-No. 980, utilized for transportation

service rendered to National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, located in Mercer County, Pennsylvania. National states the new station will be constructed at a more accessible location approximately fifty feet west of the existing station, which will be removed in its entirety. National declares the anticipated flow at the new station, also designated Station T-980, is 360,000 SCF per day with a maximum capacity estimated to be 565,000 SCF per day.

National states the cost of construction at this new station is estimated to be \$19,600.

Comment date: June 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

5. Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company

[Docket No. CP97-379-000]

Take notice that on April 24, 1997, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed a request under its blanket certificate in Docket No. CP83-83-000 and §§ 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's regulations, for authorization to construct, own, and operate a new delivery point (i.e., tap) 22 miles upstream of Panhandle's Hansford Compressor Station, near PanEnergy Field Services, Inc.'s (PanEnergy) Holt Compressor Station, for the purpose of delivering up to 480 Mcfd of natural gas to PanEnergy as compressor fuel for the Holt Compressor Station, all as more fully set forth in the request, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Both compressor stations are located in Hansford County, Texas. In response to PanEnergy's request for the new delivery point, Panhandle proposes to construct a new 2-inch hot tap, approximately 20 feet of 2-inch pipe, and a 2-inch check valve to enable it to make deliveries to PanEnergy, from Panhandle's existing Line No. 41-01-002-0200. According to Panhandle, the new delivery tap will feed the Holt Compressor Station via a new delivery meter station and line that PanEnergy will construct. Panhandle states that PanEnergy plans to construct a 2-inch delivery meter, a 6-inch delivery meter, and approximately 50 feet of 2-inch, non-jurisdictional pipeline downstream of the new delivery meter at the Holt Compressor site. Panhandle adds that PanEnergy will construct all other facilities, including any required pressure regulators. Panhandle further states that it will own and operate the hot tap, meter stations and all piping

and equipment upstream of the delivery meter insulating flange, and that PanEnergy will own the insulating flanges, all facilities upstream of the receipt meter insulating flange, and all facilities downstream of the delivery meter insulating flange.

Panhandle estimates the cost to construct the proposed facilities at approximately \$6,000. Panhandle also states that PanEnergy will reimburse Panhandle for 100 percent of the costs and expenses that Panhandle would otherwise incur for the proposed construction.

Comment date: June 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

6. Williams Natural Gas Company

[Docket No. CP97-385-000]

Take notice that on April 25, 1997, Williams Natural Gas Company (Williams), Post Office Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP97-385-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to install a tap connection, measuring, and appurtenant facilities for the delivery of transportation gas to Walsh Production, Inc. (Walsh) in Weld County, Colorado, authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Williams proposes to install a tap connection, measuring, and appurtenant facilities in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 33, Township 8 North, Range 58 West, Weld County, Colorado, to deliver transportation gas to Walsh. The gas would be used to repressure a depleted oil reservoir to produce any oil remaining in the reservoir.

The Cost to construct these facilities is estimated to be approximately \$67,000 which would be fully reimbursed by Walsh. Walsh would own, and Williams would operate and maintain the facilities. Walsh estimates the annual delivered volume would be approximately 1,136,000 Dth with a peak day volume of 3,111 Dth.

Comment date: June 13, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph G at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said filing should on or before the comment date 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 385.211 and 385.214) 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.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to 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 filing 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 the applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the 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 therefore, 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Boulder Canyon Project—Proposed Firm Power Service Base Charge

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed base charge adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is announcing the Fiscal Year 1997 annual rate adjustment process for Fiscal Year 1998 Rates under Rate Order WAPA-70 for firm power service for the Boulder Canyon Project (BCP). The annual rate adjustments are a requirement of the ratesetting methodology of WAPA-70 which was approved on a final basis by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on April 19, 1996. The existing rate schedule was placed into effect on November 1, 1995. The power repayment spreadsheet study indicates the proposed Base Charge herein for BCP firm power service is necessary to provide sufficient revenue to pay all annual costs (including interest expense), plus repayment of required investment within the allowable time period. The proposed Base Charge for firm power service is expected to become effective October 1, 1997.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 5, 1997. The forums dates are:

1. Public information forum, May 15, 1997, 9:30 a.m.
2. Public comment forum, June 12, 1997, 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Western Area Power Administration, Desert Southwest Regional Office, 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85009. The public forums at the Desert Southwest Regional Office will be held in Conference rooms 2 and 3.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. J. Tyler Carlson, Regional Manager, (602) 352-2453 or Mr. Anthony H. Montoya, Assistant Regional Manager, Power Marketing, (602) 352-2789.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed Base Charge for BCP firm power is based on an Annual Revenue Requirement of \$43,241,130. The Base Charge consists of an Energy Dollar of \$22,408,332 and a Capacity Dollar of \$20,832,797. The Forecast Energy Rate will be 4.9785 mills/kilowatthour (mills/kWh); Forecast Capacity Rate will be \$0.8898 per kilowatt per month (\$/kW-mo).

The existing BCP firm power Base Charge is based on an Annual Revenue