

proposed herein will not result in the abandonment of any facilities, nor will it result in any disadvantage to any of Applicants' customers.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 2, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a petition 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 the proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a petition to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

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 on this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, and if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provide for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Applicants to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-121-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

December 11, 1997.

Take notice that on December 5, 1997, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), 1001 Louisiana, Houston,

Texas 77002, pursuant to Sections 5 and 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, filed in Docket No. CP98-121-000 an application to replace a no-fee gas transportation service performed on behalf of Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern) with service under Tennessee's generally applicable Part 284 tariff. The no-fee service was certificated in 1979 in Docket No. CP78-267-000 in connection with the Bear Creek Storage Company (Bear Creek) venture between Tennessee and Southern.

Tennessee states that under the no-fee service it provides storage-related transportation services for Southern for Southern's injections and withdrawals from Bear Creek, and that Southern does not provide any corresponding services for Tennessee. Tennessee further states that Southern does not nominate the no-fee services, that the services disrupt operations under Tennessee's open access tariff and that the certificated service is a carryover from the era of bundled pipeline sales that is no longer in the public interest. Tennessee proposes that the Commission grant authorization to replace the certificated no-fee transportation service with firm Part 284 service under Tennessee's Rate Schedule FT-A, at a level consistent with Southern's requirements and at Southern's election. Tennessee states that its proposal would maintain Southern's continued use of, and access to, the Bear Creek storage facility under terms and conditions applicable to all other Rate Schedule FT-A shippers on Tennessee.

Tennessee proposes to credit to its customers all firm revenues received from Southern under the replacement transportation service until the effectiveness of Tennessee's next rate case.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 2, 1998, file with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C. 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. 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 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, or 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 Tennessee to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-119-000]

Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application To Amend Certificate

December 11, 1997.

Take notice that on December 5, 1997, Williams Natural Gas Company (Williams), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, to amend Williams' Elk City Storage Field certificate, issued on September 24, 1958, in Docket No. G-10956 (20 FPC 390), by allowing an expansion of the Elk City storage facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The certificate issued in Docket No. G-10956 authorized Williams (formerly: Cities Service Gas Company) to construct and operate the Elk City Storage Field, in Elk, Chautauqua, and Montgomery Counties, Kansas, as an underground gas storage field.

Williams' application in Docket No. CP98-119-000 has been filed to comply with a November 13, 1996 order that the Commission issued in Docket No. CP96-311-000. The November 13 order authorized Williams to expand its buffer zone by 1,460 acres, and required Williams to conduct a detailed reservoir

engineering/operational study and develop a new operational plan for the Elk City Storage Field, designed to prevent storage reservoir expansion and gas migration, and (to the maximum extent possible) to establish and maintain confinement of its Elk City storage gas within the original certificated storage field boundaries, i.e., south of the new 1,460 acre buffer zone. The Commission further instructed Williams' that its operating plan had include:

- (1) Include the proper storage reservoir boundary requirement;
- (2) Include the maximum storage volumetric operating capacity (without gas loss);
- (3) Include the maximum working and cushion gas volumes;
- (4) Include the maximum injection/withdrawal rates;
- (5) Include the proper shut-in reservoir pressure requirement for the Elk City Storage Field;
- (6) Detail all operational changes actually implemented by Williams as of November 30, 1997, and explain how those changes have affected the capacity and deliverability of the storage field and Williams' storage services; and
- (7) Detail Williams' progress toward confining its storage gas within the original certificated storage field boundaries, or any alternative boundaries that Williams may propose.

Williams filed its reservoir engineering/operational study and its new operational plan for the Elk City Storage Field on November 26, 1997, and it is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Williams now requests the Commission to authorize Williams to acquire gas storage rights (by lease, purchase, or the exercise of eminent domain under the Natural Gas Act) for the west half of Section 2, T31S, R13E, in Montgomery County, Kansas, and all of Section 3 and the east half of Section 4 in T31S, R13E, in Elk County, Kansas, and the south half of Section 34 in T30S, R13E, in Elk County, Kansas. The proposed increase in the storage area will add approximately 1,600 acres to the Elk City Storage Field, for a buffer zone, adjacent to the northern boundary of the storage leasehold interests previously authorized in Elk County, Kansas.

Williams also requests the Commission to authorize it to increase the maximum operating pressure of the storage field to 595 psig, wellhead (630 psia, reservoir), and to establish a maximum inventory level of 30.7 Bcf at 14.73 psia (30.9 Bcf at 14.65 psia). Williams further seeks to establish a range of working and cushion gas levels,

and connect three storage observation wells to the storage field's injection/withdrawal system. Specifically, Williams seeks to connect the BH&W #15-1 well in Section 15, T31S, R13E, the BH&W #10-4 well in Section 10, T31S, R13E, and the Kimzey #10-5 well, in Section 10, T31S, R13E, by adding approximately 4,500 feet of 4-inch pipeline and approximately 1,500 feet of 6-inch pipeline to the existing system. Williams also proposes to install a check valve on the existing 6-inch lateral in the northeast quarter of Section 15, T13S, R13E, in Elk County, Kansas, just north of the Elk #1 well, to ensure that the Elk #60, Elk #61, BH&W #15-1, BH&W #10-4, Kimzey #10-5 wells will only be operated as withdrawal wells.

Williams asserts that the proposed changes are reasonable and required by the present and future public convenience and necessity.

Any person desiring to be heard, or to make any protest with reference to said application should, on or before January 2, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20426, a motion to intervene or 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 the 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 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, or 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 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-115-000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

December 11, 1997.

Take notice that on December 4, 1997, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), 200 North Third Street, Suite 300, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP98-115-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to utilize an existing tap to effectuate natural gas transportation deliveries to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP98-487-000, *et al.*, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Williston Basin proposes to add both right-of-way grantor and non right-of-way grantor and end-use customers to an existing transmission line tap at Station No. 9388+45 on Williston Basin's Belle Fourche-Rapid City pipeline in Meade County, South Dakota, at the request of Montana-Dakota. The estimated additional volume to be delivered is 600 Mcf per year. The existing tap was never connected by Montana-Dakota to the right-of-way grantor's residence and no service was ever provided through this facility. Williston Basin plans to provide natural gas transportation deliveries to Montana-Dakota for ultimate use by additional customers.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, 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