

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

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 NGA.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-741-000, et al.]

#### Wisconsin Electric Power Company, et al., Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

December 10, 1997.

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

##### 1. Wisconsin Electric Power Company

[Docket No. ER98-741-000]

Take notice that on November 20, 1997, Wisconsin Electric Power Company (Wisconsin Electric), tendered for filing a Notice of Cancellation of Service Schedule G (Presque Isle Power) sold by Wisconsin Electric to Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) under the interconnection agreement between the parties (Supplement No. 17 to Wisconsin Electric's FERC Rate Schedule No. 45).

Wisconsin Electric requests that this cancellation become effective January 1, 1998.

*Comment date:* December 24, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 2. Consumers Energy Company

[Docket No. ER98-742-000]

Take notice that on November 20, 1997, Consumers Energy Company (Consumers), tendered for filing two service agreements for Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service pursuant to the Joint Open Access Transmission Tariff filed on December 31, 1996, by Consumers and The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison). The four transmission customers are Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc., and Electric Clearinghouse, Inc. A copy of the filing was served on the Michigan Public Service Commission, Detroit Edison and the transmission customers.

*Comment date:* December 24, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 3. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company

[Docket No. ER98-743-000]

Take notice that on November 20, 1997, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G), submitted service agreements establishing TransCanada Energy Ltd (TCEL), CNG Power Services Corporation (CNG), and Oglethorpe Power Corporation (OPC) as customers under the terms of SCE&G's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

SCE&G requests an effective date of one day subsequent to the filing of the service agreements. Accordingly, SCE&G requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. Copies of this filing were served upon TCEL, CNG, OPC, and the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

*Comment date:* December 24, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 4. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company

[Docket No. ER98-744-000]

Take notice that on November 20, 1997, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G), submitted service agreements establishing Ohio Edison Company (OEC), Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC), American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC), and Delhi Energy Services, Inc. (DESI), as customers under the terms of SCE&G's Negotiated Market Sales Tariff.

SCE&G requests an effective date of one day subsequent to the filing of the service agreements. Accordingly, SCE&G requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirements. Copies of this filing were served upon OEC, AECC, AEPSC, DESI, and the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

*Comment date:* December 24, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 5. Commonwealth Electric Company; Cambridge Electric Light Company

[Docket No. ER98-745-000]

Take notice that on November 20, 1997, Commonwealth Electric Company (Commonwealth) and Cambridge Electric Light Company (Cambridge), collectively referred to as the Companies, tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission executed Service Agreements between the Companies and the following Market-Based Power Sales Customers (collectively referred to herein as the Customers): NP Energy Inc., SCANA Energy Marketing, Inc.

These Service Agreements specify that the Customers have signed on to and have agreed to the terms and conditions of the Companies' Market-Based Power Sales Tariffs designated as Commonwealth's Market-Based Power Sales Tariff (FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 7) and Cambridge's Market-Based Power Sales Tariff (FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 9). These Tariffs, accepted by the FERC on February 27, 1997, and which have an effective date of February 28, 1997, will allow the Companies and the Customers to enter into separately scheduled short-term transactions under which the Companies will sell to the Customers capacity and/or energy as the parties may mutually agree.

The Companies request an effective date as specified on each Service Agreement and Notice of Cancellation.

*Comment date:* December 24, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 6. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-746-000]

Take notice that on November 21, 1997, on behalf of its operating companies, The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company and PSI Energy, Inc., Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy), tendered for filing a Service Agreement between Cinergy and the Town of Etna Green (Customer).

Cinergy and Customer have requested an effective date of February 1, 1998.

Copies of the filing were served upon the Town of Etna Green, Northern Indiana Public Service Company and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

*Comment date:* December 24, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

##### 7. Cinergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98-747-000]

Take notice that on November 21, 1997, on behalf of its operating companies, The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company and PSI Energy, Inc., Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy), tendered for filing a Service Agreement between Cinergy and the Town of Walkerton (Customer).

Cinergy and Customer have requested an effective date of February 1, 1998.

Copies of the filing were served upon the Town of Walkerton, Northern Indiana Public Service Company and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

*Comment date:* December 24, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.