

for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038.

On March 29, 1999, Fraser filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) to amend Presidential Permit PP-11-1 issued by DOE on July 31, 1996. Fraser is a Delaware corporation and the owner and operator of a paper mill in Madawaska, Maine. Presidential Permit PP-11-1 authorized Fraser to operate and maintain one, three-phase, 6.6-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and one, three-phase, 69-kV transmission line at the U.S.-Canada border. Each of these transmission lines is approximately one mile in length (approximately 1/10-mile within the United States) and they connect Fraser's paper mill located in Madawaska, Maine, to a pulp mill located in Edmundston, New Brunswick, Canada, and owned by Fraser's affiliate, Fraser Papers Inc. (Canada).

Fraser proposes to reconductor the 69-kV transmission line to allow for eventual operation at 138-kV. However, the reconducted facilities would continue to be operated at 69-kV. Fraser asserts that it will make no change to transmission towers located within the United States or in the St. John River, the United States border with Canada.

Fraser's U.S. paper mill and its Canadian pulp mill each have on-site electric generating facilities to produce electric energy for internal use. The facilities authorized by Presidential Permit PP-11-1 are used to transmit electric energy between Fraser's U.S. and Canadian facilities depending upon the need and availability of electrical supply at each location. Fraser's international transmission facilities do not connect with any part of the U.S. electric power system, thereby precluding third party use of these transmission facilities.

Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protests also should be filed directly with: John P. Borgwardt, General Counsel, Fraser

Papers Inc., 70 Seaview Avenue, PO Box 10055, Stamford, CT 06904.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action (i.e., granting the Presidential permit, with any conditions and limitations, or denying the permit) pursuant to NEPA. DOE also must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be reviewed or downloaded from the Fossil Energy Home Page at: <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Regulatory" and then "Electricity" from the options menu.

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Anthony J. Como,

Manager, Electric Power Regulation Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-284-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

April 5, 1999.

Take notice that on April 1, 1999, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), P. O. Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77521-1478, filed, in Docket No. CP99-284-000, an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for an order permitting and approving the abandonment in place of the western portion of its Latex-Fort Worth Mainline facilities (West Index 1 line) located in Tarrant, Dallas, and Kaufman Counties, Texas, as more fully set forth in the application which is 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/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Specifically, Koch Gateway requests authorization to abandon in place approximately 102.08 miles of its West

Index 1 line and associated laterals of the facilities. Koch Gateway describes the facilities as consisting of various diameter-sized pipe from 4-inch to 20-inch. Additionally, Koch Gateway requests permission to abandon the service it provides on these facilities to its single firm customer, Lone Star Gas Company (Lone Star). Koch Gateway contends that it has not been able to attract or maintain substantial gas markets in the Dallas/Forth Worth area along West Index 1. Therefore, Koch Gateway maintains it cannot compete in this market due to shifts in supplies, increased competition, low current demand for transportation, increasing operating costs, and the lack of economic benefits.

Koch Gateway has requested an abandonment date of June 1, 1999, but will not abandon the facilities and services until the last customer served by Lone Star has been converted to an alternative form of energy service.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before April 26, 1999, 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 and 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 in any proceeding herein 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 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 permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 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 Koch Gateway to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-1567-000, etc]

Rockingham Power, L.L.C., et al.; Notice of Issuance of Order

April 5, 1999.

In the matter of: Rockingham Power, L.L.C., Docket Nos. ER99-1567-000; Elwood Energy LLC, ER99-1695-000; Somerset Power LLC, ER99-1712-000; Lake Road Generating Company, L.P., ER99-1714-000; CinCap VI, LLC, ER99-1727-000; Empire District Electric Company, ER99-1757-000; Duke Energy South Bay LLC, ER99-1785-000; New Energy Partners, L.L.C., ER99-1812-000; (Not consolidated); Notice of Issuance of Order.

Rockingham Power, L.L.C., Elwood Energy, LLC, Somerset Power LLC, Lake Road Generating Company, L.P., CinCap VI, LLC, Empire District Electric Company, Duke Energy South Bay LLC, and New Energy Partners, L.L.C. (hereafter, "the Applicants") filed with the Commission rate schedules in the above-captioned proceedings, respectively, under which the Applicants will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, certain of the Applicants may also have requested in their respective applications that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances and securities and assumptions of liabilities by the Applicants. On March 31, 1999, the Commission issued an order that accepted the rate schedules for sales of capacity and energy at market-based rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceedings.

The Commission's March 31, 1999 Order granted, for those Applicants that sought such approval, their request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Appendix B in Ordering Paragraphs (2), (3), and (5):

(2) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any persons desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions or liabilities by the Applicants should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426,

in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(3) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (2) above, if the Applicants have requested such authorization, the Applicants are hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the Applicants; compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(5) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of the Applicants' issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities.* * *

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is April 30, 1999.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

David R. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-278-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 5, 1999.

Take notice that on March 31, 1999, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in Docket No. CP99-278-000 a request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct a delivery point for Rockingham Power L.L.C. (RP), a provider of electricity and energy services in North Carolina, under Transco's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-426-000 pursuant to Section 7 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. The application may be viewed on the web at

www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Transco states that the delivery point will consist of two sixteen-inch (16") valve tap assemblies, a meter station with one eight-inch (8") orifice meter tube and two twelve-inch (12") orifice meter tubes, and other appurtenant facilities. The proposed delivery point will be installed at or near milepost 1368.36 on Transco's mainline in Rockingham County, North Carolina. Transco states that RP will construct, or cause to be constructed, appurtenant facilities to enable it to receive gas from Transco at such point and move the gas to a new RP winter/summer peaking power facility.

Transco states the new delivery point will be used by RP to receive up to 221.8 MMcf (at 500 psig) of gas per day from Transco on a capacity release, secondary firm or interruptible basis. The gas delivered through the new delivery point will be used by RP as fuel for its peaking power facility. Transco states that RP is not currently a transportation customer of Transco. Upon completion of the delivery point, Transco will commence transportation service to RP or its suppliers pursuant to Transco's Rate Schedules FT, FT-R or IT and part 284(G) of the Commission regulations. The addition of the delivery point will have no significant impact on Transco's peak day or annual deliveries, and is not prohibited by Transco's FERC Gas Tariff.

Transco has estimated the total costs of Transco's proposed facilities to be approximately \$1,158,000.00. RP will reimburse Transco for all costs associated with such facilities.

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

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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