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ADDRESSES: Written comments on the
draft EIS, requests for special
arrangements to enable participation in
the hearings (e.g., an interpreter for the
hearing impaired), requests to be placed
on the EIS distribution list, and
questions concerning the project should
be sent to: Ms. Susan M. Lesica, EIS
Document Manager, Office of Nuclear
Facilities Management, Office of
Nuclear Energy, Science and
Technology, U.S. Department of Energy,
NE-40, 19901 Germantown Road,
Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290.

Comments and requests may also be
submitted by toll free facsimile to (877)
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submitted by electronic mail to
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For
general information on the Department's
National Environmental Policy Act
(NEPA) process, please contact: Ms.
Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of
NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42),
Office of Environment, Safety and
Health, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000
Independence Avenue, SW Washington,
DC 20585-0119; or telephone (202) 586-4600 or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Department is responsible for the safe
and efficient management of several
types of spent nuclear fuel including its
ultimate disposition (that is expected to
be disposal in a geologic repository).
Some Departmental spent fuels may be
suitable for disposal with little or no
stabilizing treatment. Other spent fuel
types may not be suitable for disposal

without significant treatment or
stabilization.

One type of spent nuclear fuel that
may not be suitable for disposal without
treatment is sodium-bonded spent
nuclear fuel. Sodium-bonded spent
nuclear fuel contains metallic sodium, a
highly chemically reactive material.
Metallic sodium reacts vigorously with
water or moist air producing heat,
potentially explosive hydrogen gas, and
sodium hydroxide, a corrosive
substance. Sodium metal was used as a
heat transfer medium within the
stainless steel cladding of sodium-
bonded fuel and as coolant in the
nuclear reactors in which these fuels
were used. To the extent possible, the
highly reactive sodium has been
removed from external surfaces of these
fuels after their use, but a portion
remains bonded to the uranium metal
alloy fuel within the cladding and
cannot be removed without further
treatment. The presence of reactive or
pyrophoric material such as metallic
sodium, could complicate the process of
qualifying and licensing such spent fuel
for disposal, which would require data
and predictive analyses sufficient to
demonstrate that emplacement of the
spent fuel would not adversely affect a
repository's ability to protect the
environment and public health.

The Department believes that
treatment to remove metallic sodium
and convert this spent nuclear fuel into
a compact waste form would facilitate
disposal qualification of this fuel.
Technologies for spent nuclear fuel
treatment that might facilitate such
qualification should, therefore, be
considered in deciding how to manage
Department-owned sodium-bonded
fuels. The EIS analyzes, under the
proposed action, six reasonable
alternatives that employ one or more of
the following technology options:
electrometallurgical treatment; the
plutonium-uranium extraction process;
packaging in high-integrity cans; and
the melt and dilute treatment process.
The EIS also evaluates a no action
alternative, under which the sodium-
bonded spent nuclear fuel would
continue to be stored indefinitely; The
Department would pursue research and
development of a new treatment
technology or would directly dispose of
the sodium-bonded spent nuclear fuel
in high-integrity cans without treatment.

The Department has not identified a
preferred alternative in the draft EIS.
Environmental analysis in this EIS,
public comments, the findings of an
independent cost study and a
nonproliferation report that are being
prepared concurrently with the EIS, as
well as other program policy factors,

will be considered in determining a
preferred alternative in the final EIS. A
Record of Decision will be issued no
sooner than 30 days after the final EIS
has been distributed.

Issued in Washington, D.C., this 22, day of
July 1999.

William D. Magwood, IV,
*Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science
and Technology.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Energy Information
Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review;
comment request.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information
Administration (EIA) has submitted the
energy information collection(s) listed at
the end of this notice to the Office of
Management and Budget (OMB) for
review under section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub.
L. 104-13). The listing does not include
collections of information contained in
new or revised regulations, which are to
be submitted under section
3507(d)(1)(A) of the Paperwork
Reduction Act, nor management and
procurement assistance requirements
collected by the Department of Energy
(DOE). Each entry contains the
following information: (1) Collection
number and title; (2) summary of the
collection of information (includes
sponsor (the DOE component)), current
OMB document number (if applicable),
type of request (new, revision,
extension, or reinstatement); response
obligation (mandatory, voluntary, or
required to obtain or retain benefits); (3)
a description of the need and proposed
use of the information; (4) description of
the likely respondents; and (5) estimate
of total annual reporting burden
(average hours per response \times proposed
frequency of response per year \times
estimated number of likely
respondents.)

DATES: Comments must be filed on or
before August 30, 1999. If you anticipate
that you will be submitting comments
but find it difficult to do so within the
time allowed by this notice, you should
advise the OMB DOE Desk Officer listed
below of your intention to do so as soon
as possible. The Desk Officer may be
telephoned at (202) 395-3084. (Also,

please notify the EIA contact listed below.)

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Department of Energy Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to the Office of Statistical Standards at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Grace Sutherland, Statistics and Methods Group, (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Mrs. Sutherland may be reached by telephone at (202) 426-1068; by FAX at (202) 426-1083; or e-mail at grace.sutherland@eia.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The energy information collections submitted to OMB for review were:

1. EIA-14, 182, 782A/B/C, 821, 856, 863, 877, 878, and 888, "Petroleum Marketing Program."
2. Energy Information Administration, OMB No. 1905-0174, Extension, Mandatory.
3. The Petroleum Marketing Program surveys collect information on costs, sales, prices, and distribution for crude oil and petroleum products. Data are published in petroleum publications and in multifuel reports.
4. Respondents are refiners, first purchasers, gas plant operators, resellers/retailers, motor gasoline wholesalers, suppliers, distributors and importers.
5. 138,729 hours (1.2 hrs. \times 3.4 responses per year \times 34,876 respondents).

Statutory Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(a)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

Issued in Washington, DC, July 26, 1999.

Lynda T. Carlson,

Director, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-584-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

July 26, 1999.

Take notice that on July 16, 1999, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch), P.O. Box 1478, Houston, Texas

77521-1478, filed in Docket No. CP99-584-000 under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, for authority to construct and operate 3.9 miles of 24-inch loop pipeline in Mobile County, Alabama, all 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.us/online/rims.htm>. Call 202-208-2222 for assistance. The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom correspondence and communications concerning this application should be addressed is: Kyle Stephens, Director of Certificates, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company, P.O. Box 1478 Houston, Texas 77251-1478, Tel: (713) 544-7309, Fax: (713) 544-4818.

Koch states that the cost of the proposed facilities is \$6,095,000. Koch is proposing this construction so that it can transport 15,000 Dth per day (Dth/d) for Southern Services, Inc., (SCS) acting as agent for Alabama Power Company (APC). This gas will be used by APC to fuel gas fired electric generation facilities being constructed at Plant Barry. Gas will be provided to Koch for APC's account at primary receipts points by APC's upstream suppliers, these volumes will then be shipped by Koch to an interconnection with Bay Gas on Koch's Index 301-8-10 line. Bay Gas will then transport the volumes on its intrastate line to APC's Plant Barry. Koch states that the proposed looping will allow it to inject the additional 15,000 Dth/d into the system of Bay Gas for delivery to Plant Barry. Service on Koch's system for APC will be provided under its Rate Schedule FTS.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before August 16, 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 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. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protest to the party or parties directly involved. 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.

Any person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the interveners. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meeting associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters 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 will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in an 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 therein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that 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 Koch to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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