

requirements, BPA will prepare a floodplain and wetlands assessment and would perform this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain and wetlands. After BPA issues the assessment, a floodplain statement of findings will be published in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Comments are due to the address below no later than March 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Communications, Bonneville Power Administration—KC-7, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon, 97212. Internet address: comment@bpa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gene Lynard, Environmental Project Lead, KECN-4, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621, phone number 503-230-3790, fax number 503-230-5699.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Wetlands in the project area are primarily associated with the floodplains of the Snoqualmie River and its tributaries. The proposed transmission line route would cross a number of small wetlands, which support no unique flora or fauna. Most wetlands crossed are narrow and would be spanned where practical. Impacts would be primarily related to the removal of trees, which would threaten transmission line safety from wetlands and associated buffers. The largest wetland area crossed is located about one mile northwest of the City of North Bend along North Bend Way in Section 5, 23N, 8E. This is a large diverse wetland associated with Kimball Creek. The proposed transmission line alignment bisects this Pulustrian scrub/shrub and forested wetland for a distance of about 0.8 kilometers (0.5 miles). The project would be located within the North Bend Way right-of-way (at this location) and no structures would be placed within the wetland; however, the transmission line would be located within the 50-foot buffer of this sensitive area.

Wetlands could be affected if construction activities alter wetland vegetation, soils or hydrology. Construction and clearing activities and any necessary road improvements could also potentially affect sediment transport, damage vegetation and wildlife habitat, and reduce a wetland's ability to provide for flood and sediment control.

Maps and further information are available from BPA at the address above.

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James M. Kehoe,

Manager, Policy and Strategic Planning.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Supplemental Announcement Number 02, Hydrogen Technical Analysis, to the Broad Based Solicitation (DE-PS36-00GO10482) for Submission of Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration

AGENCY: The Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Request for applications for technical analysis efforts in support of the DOE Hydrogen Program.

SUMMARY: The DOE Office of Power Technologies is funding a competitive financial assistance program in support of the DOE Hydrogen Program. Applications are requested under a DOE Broad Based Solicitation that is anticipated to result in the award of one or more cooperative agreements in Fiscal Year 2000.

Background Information

The Office of Power Technologies (OPT) of the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) is supporting the issuance of a Supplemental Announcement to the EERE Broad Based Solicitation for Submission of Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration, DE-PS36-00GO10482. The Broad Based Solicitation contains information that must be used in conjunction with the Supplemental Announcement when applying for an award. Thus, in order to prepare a complete application, it is mandatory to comply with the requirements of the overall Broad Based Solicitation document, DE-PS36-00GO10482 (found on the Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html>) as well as the requirements of the Supplemental Announcement 02 document.

Under this Supplemental Announcement, DOE is seeking applications for technical analysis that can advance hydrogen production, storage, and utilization technologies. The objectives are to provide analysis in the following areas: (1) Technical analysis of projects now funded by the

DOE Hydrogen Program, (2) analysis of novel hydrogen systems not currently being researched in the Program, (3) assistance in disseminating hydrogen-related information to the public and industry, and (4) technical analysis on matters affecting hydrogen-related issues being considered by the International Energy Agency.

It is anticipated that projects may be selected for initial 12-month awards with possible continuations for up to two additional years. DOE is proposing to undertake this effort under the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996, Public Law 104-271. Awards, if any, will result from a merit review process applied to the applications.

DATES: Applications should be submitted as described in the Supplemental Announcement by March 31, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401. The Contract Specialist is Beth H. Peterman, at facsimile (303) 275-4788, or e-mail at beth_peterman@nrel.gov. The Supplemental Announcement can be obtained from the GFO website at www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html as of February 22, 2000.

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Mary Hartford,

Contracting Officer, GO.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL00-46-000]

Entergy Power Marketing Corporation v. Southwest Power Pool; Notice of Complaint

February 17, 2000.

Take notice that on February 16, 2000, Entergy Power Marketing Corporation tendered for filing a complaint against the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) alleging violations of the SPP's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal 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). All such motions or protests

must be filed on or before March 7, 2000. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222) for assistance. Answers to the complaint shall also be due on or before March 7, 2000.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-89-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

February 17, 2000.

Take notice that on February 11, 2000, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), PO Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251-1478, filed in Docket No. CP00-89-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon in place by sale to Koch Midstream Services Company (Midstream), a Texas intrastate pipeline company, various natural gas gathering pipelines and associated compression, taps, laterals, metering stations, and appurtenant facilities, under Koch Gateway's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-430, 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Koch Gateway states that these gathering facilities are located in the east Texas counties of Rusk and Gregg and are classified and functionalized as natural gas gathering and operate as gathering laterals connecting producing wells in the Henderson and Willow Springs producing areas to Koch Gateway. Koch Gateway states the continued operation and maintenance of

the gathering facilities by Koch Gateway is no longer justified as a part of Koch Gateway's interstate pipeline system. Koch Gateway avers that these facilities are no longer part of Koch Gateway's core pipeline assets, and Koch Gateway currently has no plans to expand its natural gas gathering services in the Henderson and Willow Springs areas. Koch Gateway states that upon approval of the requested abandonment, and the closing of the sale of the gathering facilities, the facilities that will be interconnected with the existing intrastate pipeline system of Midstream Koch Gateway states that all of Koch Gateway's customers who have utilized the gathering facilities between and including January 1999 and December 1999 has accepted an equivalent offer from the parties and has consented to the proposed abandonment. The contact person for this filing is Kyle Stephens, Director of Certificates, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company, PO Box 1478, Houston, Texas, 77251-1478, (713) 544-7309.

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,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-82-000]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Application

February 17, 2000.

Take notice that on February 8, 2000, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams Central), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74101, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of

the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction of a pipeline expansion project on its Sedalia Line and its Ottawa Crossover facilities. The details of Williams Central's proposal are more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This application may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Bart Wherritt, Manager, Certificates & Tariffs at (918) 573-4369, or at Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc., P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101.

Williams Central proposes to construct about 1.5 miles of 24-inch pipeline and related facilities between the Ottawa Crossover and the Ottawa Compressor Station. They also propose to upgrade of two existing compressor units on its Sedalia Line at the Peculiar Compressor Station from 1,350 horsepower each to 2,000 horsepower each, and install new ISO rated 1,590 horsepower turbine set at the Peculiar Compressor Station. Finally, they propose to convert an 800 horsepower compressor unit at Concordia Compressor Station from Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) Section 311 authorization to NGA Section 7(c) authorization.

Williams Central says that the additional facilities will allow them to provide incremental firm transportation service to two customers of its East of Ottawa/Sedalia Line system (UtiliCorp United, Inc. (UtiliCorp); and U.S. Energy Services, as agent for Tyson Foods, Inc.). The new service provided will support growing LDC requirements, industrial needs and most significantly, the new Pleasant Hill power plant that will be constructed in Cass County, Missouri. The cost to construct the Ottawa pipeline, upgrade the two existing compressor units, and install the new Solar turbine at the Peculiar station is estimated to be about \$9.7 million. The cost associated with the conversion of the 800 horsepower compressor unit at Concordia station is \$2.3 million, for a total project cost of \$13.0 million.

Williams Central says that beginning on June 1, 2001, they will provide 35,000 Dth/d of firm service year-round to UtiliCorp in both the production and market areas for four years. During the initial four year term, for the 35,000 Dth/d amount, Williams Central and UtiliCorp have agreed that the reservation rate paid by UtiliCorp will not exceed the maximum reservation rate in effect on October 31, 1999. The