

[Docket No. CP96-311-000]

Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application To Amend Certificate

April 17, 1996.

Take notice that, on April 11, 1996, Williams Natural Gas Company (Williams), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed an abbreviated application, pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, to amend the certificate issued on September 24, 1958, in Docket No. G-10956 (20 FPC 390) by expanding the storage area of its Elk City Storage Field, 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 now requests the Commission to authorize it to extend the Elk City Storage Field's buffer zone north and west of its current location, by acquiring gas storage rights under approximately 2,740 acres of land in Elk and Montgomery Counties, Kansas. As proposed, the extension would add the following parcels of land to the storage area:

Montgomery County, Kansas

The west half of Section 2 in T31S, R13E.

Elk County, Kansas

All of Section 3 in T31S, R13E.

The east half of Section 4 in T31S, R13E.

The east half of Section 9 in T31S, R13E.

All of Section 10 in T31S, R13E.

The north half of the north half of Section 15 in T31S, R13E.

The south half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 15 in T31S, R13E.

The east half of Section 16 in T31S, R13E.

Williams would acquire the subject acreage by lease, purchase, or through the exercise of eminent domain under the Natural Gas Act. Williams states that the gas wells located on the property to be acquired will be converted into observation wells. Williams also states that it believes the extension will increase the effectiveness of the storage area, enhance the overall efficiency of its storage operations, and reduce the risk of storage gas migrating to producing wells outside the present storage area boundary. Williams further asserts that extending the storage area boundary, as proposed, is both 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 May 8, 1996, 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 same 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5460-6]

National Environmental Education and Training Foundation, Inc.; Announcement of a New Appointment to the Board of Directors

The National Environmental Education and Training Foundation (NEETF) was created by Public Law 101-619, the National Environmental Education Act of 1990. It is a private 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to promote and support education and training as necessary

tools to further environmental protection and sustainable, environmentally sound development. NEETF provides the common ground upon which leaders from business and industry, all levels of government, public interest groups, and others can work cooperatively to expand the reach of environmental education and training programs beyond the traditional classroom. The Foundation operates a grant program that promotes innovative environmental education and training programs; it also develops partnerships with government and other organizations to administer projects that promote the development of an environmentally literate public.

The Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as required by the terms of the Act, announces the appointment of Walter M. Higgins to the NEETF Board of Directors. Walter Higgins is President and Chief Executive Officer of Sierra Pacific Power Company and Sierra Pacific Resources, a diversified utility holding company in Reno, Nevada. Prior to 1993 when he joined Sierra Pacific Resources, Mr. Higgins was the President of the Louisville Gas and Electric Company in Kentucky, and prior to that he was with the Portland General Electric Company (PGE) in Oregon for 14 years. In the mid-1980's he was President of PGE's first non-utility subsidiary, an energy conservation and cogeneration company.

Education: Mr. Higgins graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy with a degree in Nuclear Science; two years of Navy postgraduate nuclear engineering training; George Washington University graduate business studies; Public Utility Executive Course at the University of Idaho; and Stanford University Graduate School of Business Executive Program.

Organizations: Mr. Higgins has a great deal of experience with a number of organization including the following—Board of Trustees of the Nature Conservancy of Nevada; Board of Directors of the Reno United Way; Edison Electric Institute Board of Directors; Pacific Coast Gas Association Board of Directors; Western Energy and Communication Association Board of Directors and Executive Board of Nevada Area Council Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Higgins appointment to the NEETF Board of Directors will be for a 4-year term. Great care is taken to assure that each new appointee to the thirteen-member NEETF Board has the highest degree of expertise and commitment, and also brings to the Board diverse

points of view relating to environmental education and training.

Dated: April 15, 1996.

Carol M. Browner,
Administrator.

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[FRL-5460-8]

Public Water System Supervision Program Revisions for the State of Hawaii Lead and Copper Rule

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of decision and opportunity for hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the State of Hawaii is revising its approved State Public Water System Supervision Program. Hawaii has adopted regulations for controlling lead and copper in drinking water. The Hawaii State regulations correspond to the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations promulgated by EPA on June 7, 1991 [56 FR 26460], also known as the Lead and Copper Rule; and correcting amendments appearing on July 15, 1991 [56 FR 32112]; June 29, 1992 [57 FR 28785]; and June 30, 1994 [59 FR 33860]. EPA has determined that the State program revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding federal regulations. Therefore, EPA has tentatively decided to approve the State program revision.

All interested parties are invited to request a public hearing on EPA's decision to approve the State program revisions. A request for a public hearing must be submitted by May 23, 1996, to the Regional Administrator at the address shown below. Insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator. If no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his/her own motion, this determination shall become effective May 23, 1996.

Any request for a public hearing shall include the following: [1] the name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; [2] a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and of information that the requesting person intends to submit at such hearing; and [3] the signature of the individual making the request, or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

ADDRESSES: All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices: Hawaii Department of Health, Five Waterfront Plaza, Suite 250, 500 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, Hawaii 96813; and EPA, Region IX, Water Management Division, Drinking Water Section (W-6-1), 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barry Pollock, EPA, Region IX, at the San Francisco address given above or by telephone at (415) 744-1854.

(Sec. 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act as amended [1986]; and 40 CFR 142.10 of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations)

Dated: April 10, 1996.

Felicia Marcus,

Regional Administrator.

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[FRL-5462-3]

Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment

AGENCY: United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of conference.

SUMMARY: The Office of Science and Technology and the Water Environment Federation, co-sponsors, will hold the "19th Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment" to discuss all aspects of environmental measurement. The conference is open to the public. The Water Environment Federation is sponsoring a Preconference Workshop on Quality Based Laboratory Performance.

DATES: The conference will be held on May 15-16, 1996. On May 15, 1996, the conference will begin at 8:30 am and last until 5:30 pm. On May 16, 1996, the conference will begin at 8:30 am and adjourn at 5:30 pm. The Preconference Workshop on Quality Based Laboratory Performance will be held on May 14, 1996, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

ADDRESSES: The conference will be held at the Omni Waterside Hotel, Norfolk, Virginia. The Preconference Workshop on Quality Based Laboratory Performance will be held at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Conference and workshop arrangements are being conducted by the Water Environment Federation. For information on registration, hotel rates, transportation, social events, and

reservations call the Water Environment Federation at (800) 666-0206. If you have technical questions regarding the conference program, please contact William Telliard, Office of Science and Technology (Mail Code 4303), telephone (202) 260-7120, fax (202) 260-7185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA's 19th Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment is designed to bring together representatives of regulated industries, commercial environmental laboratories, state and Federal regulators, and environmental consultants and contractors to discuss all aspects of environmental measurement with a particular focus on analytical methods and related issues.

A Preconference Workshop on Quality Based Laboratory Performance will be presented by the Water Environment Federation's Laboratory Practices Committee on Tuesday, May 14, 1996, at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, Virginia.

The program for the conference follows:

19th Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

8:30 a.m.—Opening Remarks

William Telliard, Director,

Engineering and Analysis Division, Analytical Methods Staff, Office of Science and Technology, Office of Water, USEPA

8:40 a.m.—Introductory Remarks

Lenore Clesceri, Water Environment Federation

8:50 a.m.—Welcome

James Hanlon, Deputy Office Director, Office of Science and Technology, USEPA

Regulatory Initiatives

9:00 a.m.—Streamlining Promulgation of Methods at 40 CFR Parts 136 and 141 Under Section 304(h) of the Clean Water Act and Section 1401(1)(D) of the Safe Drinking Water Act

William Telliard, Director, Engineering and Analysis Division, Analytical Methods Staff, Office of Science and Technology, Office of Water, USEPA

Toxicity Testing

9:30 a.m.—The Acute Whole Effluent Toxicity of Storm Water From an International Airport

Daniel Fisher, University of Maryland WREC

10:00 a.m.—Break

10:15 a.m.—West Coast WET Tests—Different Strokes for Different Folks