

protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-686-000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

August 12, 1997.

Take notice that on August 7, 1997, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston), 200 North Third Street, Suite 300, Bismarck, ND 58501, filed in Docket No. CP97-686-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216) for approval to abandon 4,280 feet of four-inch lateral pipeline located in Richland County, MT, under Williston's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-487-000 *et al.*, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Williston asserts that the pipeline proposed to be abandoned herein was originally constructed in 1978 to allow the receipt of gas from a supplier at the Petrolane-Perry Gas Processing Company Plant (Plant) and/or to deliver natural gas to the supplier to be used as field fuel. Williston further asserts that the Plant was shut down in the early 1980's and that Williston has not received natural gas from the Plant since 1983 or made deliveries of natural gas through this pipeline since 1993. Williston thus proposes to purge this pipeline and abandon it in place.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 45 days of the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214), a motion to intervene 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 activities 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a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-148-005]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

August 12, 1997.

Take notice that on August 7, 1997, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective August 1, 1997:

Second Revised Sheet No. 371

First Revised Sheet No. 372

Sheet Nos. 373-499

Williston Basin states that the revised tariff sheets reflect modifications to Williston Basin's FERC Gas Tariff in compliance with the Commission's Letter Order issued July 24, 1997 in Docket No. RP97-148-004. Williston Basin states that the tariff sheets reflect the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) Standard No. 4.3.6 adopted by the Commission in Order No. 587-C.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of the filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7890-014]

Matthew Bonaccorsi; Notice Of Availability of Environmental Assessment

August 12, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order 486, 52 FR 47897), the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed an exemption surrender application for the Wendell Dam Project, No. 7890-014. The Wendell Dam Project is located on the Sugar River in Sullivan County, New Hampshire. The EA finds that approving the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. For further information, please contact the project manager, Ms. Hillary Berlin, at (202) 219-0038.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1494-136]

Grand River Dam Authority; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

August 12, 1997.

A final environmental assessment (FEA) is available for public review. The FEA analyzes the environmental impacts of an application filed by Grand River Dam Authority (licensee) to permit Brian Miller and Dennis Blakemore, d/b/a Honey Creek Landing, Ltd., LLC, (HCL) to construct new marina docking facilities on the Honey Creek arm of Grand Lake, the project reservoir. HCL requests permission to construct 7 floating boat docks containing a total of 242-slips. The marina would be located on the north shore of the creek immediately west of U.S. Highway 59 in the Town of Grove. In the FEA, staff concludes that approval of the licensee's proposal

would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Pensacola Project is on the Grand River, in Craig, Delaware, Mayes, and Ottawa Counties, Oklahoma.

The FEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the FEA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-202-000]

USFG Pipeline Company; Notice of Extension of Time To Comment on the Environmental Assessment

August 12, 1997.

On July 9, 1997, an Environmental Assessment was circulated for public comment on the above docketed project. The closing period for comments was August 8, 1997. The Office of the Governor of the State of Tennessee requested an extension of time to comment on the Environmental Assessment. The comment period is herein extended to August 22, 1997.

As stated in the original notice, comments should be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

A copy of any comments should also be sent to the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1, at the above address.

Kevin P. Madden,

Director, Office of Pipeline Regulation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2543-059]

The Washington Water Power Co.; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

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A final environmental assessment (FEA) is available for public review. The FEA is for an application for the

Spokane River Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2545) to construct a sediment by-pass tunnel on the left side of the Nine Mile Development powerhouse. The project is located on the Spokane River in Spokane, Stevens, and Lincoln Counties, Washington, and Kootenai and Benewah Counties, Idaho. The FEA finds that approval of the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The FEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be viewed at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager, John Novak at (202) 219-2828.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5876-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Obtaining Unbilled Grant Expenses From Grant Officials at Year-End

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Obtaining Unbilled Grant Expenses From Grant Officials at year-end, EPA ICR No. 1810.01. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 17, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1810.01

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Obtaining Unbilled Grant Expenses From Grant Officials at Year-end (EPA ICR No. 1810.01). This is a new collection.

Abstract: EPA's Financial Management Division (FMD) prepares annual financial statements that present

the financial position and results of operations for EPA. The financial statements must comply with the Statements of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) and other accounting requirements. EPA's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) audits these financial statements to determine whether they fairly and accurately reflect EPA financial conditions.

To meet the SFFAS requirements, EPA must report the estimated amount of its accrued liabilities. These accrued liabilities include: (1) Grant expenses incurred during the fiscal year that the grant recipient has paid and recorded in its accounting records but has not yet billed to EPA; and (2) grant expenses that vendors have billed the grant recipient between October 1 and November 15 (following the end of the Federal fiscal year) that relate to the prior fiscal year. EPA, working with its OIG, has evaluated the use of existing reports as a source of accrued liability information. However, for grants paid through the ACH electronic funds transfer mechanism, EPA has been unable to determine how to obtain this information without contacting the grant recipients themselves. ACH drawdown requests do not include period of performance data, which is essential for determining accruals. To minimize the amount of burden associated with gathering this data, EPA believes that information from a sample of 103 grants is sufficient to meet its financial statement needs. EPA would use estimation techniques to project the amount of grant accruals applicable to all EPA grants paid through ACH.

The grant recipients selected in the sample would only be asked to report the accrual information on the specific grant, and not all EPA grants to that grantee. Further, other EPA grant recipients would not be affected by this information collection request. EPA will also request information from the selected grant recipients on their billing practices in order to conduct additional analyses to improve our accrual estimates.

Unless EPA is able to obtain this information from the selected grant recipients, and develop a reasonable estimate of accruals based on that data, EPA does not believe it will be able to obtain an unqualified ("clean") audit opinion from the OIG on its financial statements. Thus the information is crucial for EPA to meet its fiduciary responsibilities.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB