

CIG states that it proposes to construct the Campo Lateral from an interconnect with CIG's 10-inch diameter Picketwire Lateral in Las Animas County, Colorado to an interconnect with CIG's Campo Regulator Station in Baca County, Colorado. The proposal consists of approximately 115 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline and will increase CIG's capacity out of the Raton Basin Area in Colorado and New Mexico. The capacity of the proposed lateral is approximately 110,000 Mcf per day, with an estimated cost of approximately \$20.6 million.

CIG states that it has existing and incremental firm transportation commitments increased to 73 percent of the capacity of the proposed lateral in August, 2000. CIG has further requested an advance determination that these facilities be given rolled-in rate treatment.

CIG also requests appropriate Commission authority required to increase the Picketwire lateral maximum allowable operating pressure to 1308 psig.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before October 21, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirement 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 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.

A 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 intervenors. 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 meetings 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 the 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 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 time required herein, 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 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 CIG to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-776-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 30, 1997.

Take notice that on September 26, 1997, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), P.O. Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251-1478, filed in Docket No. CP97-776-000 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 eleven delivery taps in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson Counties, Mississippi, 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.

Koch Gateway requests authorization to abandon eleven (11) farm taps on its Index 276 transmission pipeline in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson Counties Mississippi. Koch Gateway states that it is taking steps to implement the order issued on June 21, 1994 in FERC Docket No. CP94-76-000 to abandon by sale to Koch Pipeline, Inc., a subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc., its Index 276 transmission pipeline. In its application for abandonment Koch Gateway indicated that it would make prior notice filings to abandon existing delivery taps on the Index 276 and that this instant filing is one of those filings.

Koch Gateway proposes to plug each tap and remove all valves and above-ground appurtenances at the various locations. Koch Gateway states that these farm taps were originally certificated in FPC Docket No. G-232, and that the taps are inactive and no services will be affected by the proposed abandonment. Koch Gateway states that Entex, Inc. (Entex), the local distribution company through which these farm tap services were previously provided, has removed its metering facilities at each farm tap location, and that Entex has agreed to the proposed abandonment.

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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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