DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy. **ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC). Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, February 24, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Thursday, February 25, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Gaithersburg Hilton, 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Long; Office of Basic Energy Sciences; U.S. Department of Energy; 19901 Germantown Road; Germantown, MD 20874–1290; Telephone: 301–903– 5565.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of this meeting is to provide advice and guidance with respect to the basic energy sciences research program.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include discussions of the following:

- Opening Remarks and Introduction from Dr. Martha Krebs, Director, Office of Science
 - Fiscal Year 2000 Budget Status
- Scientific Simulation Initiative Update
- Report from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) on NIH Macromolecular Crystallography Activities at Synchrotron Radiation Light Sources
- Status of the Spallation Neutron Source Science Program
- User Fees at Basic Energy Sciences Facilities
- Report of the Solid State Sciences Committee on Condensed-Matter and Materials Physics
- BESAC Fourth Generation Light Source Panel Report
 - BESAC E-Beam Review Status
- Update on Complex and Collective Phenomena Workshop
- BESAC/Office of Science— Roadmapping

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Sharon Long at 301–903–6594 (fax) or sharon.long@science.doe.gov (e-mail). You must make your request for

an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; 1E–190, Forrestal Building; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW; Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC on January 26, 1999.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-145-000]

Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 25, 1999.

Take notice that on January 11, 1999, as supplemented on January 19, 1999, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams), One Williams Center, P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed in Docket No. CP99-145-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212(a) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.212(a)) for authorization to utilize facilities installed for the delivery of NGPA Section 311 transportation gas to Missouri Public Service (MPS) for the Greenwood (Greenwood) power plant located in Jackson County, Missouri, for purposes other than NGPA Section 311 transportation under Williams blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-479–000, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Williams states that the facilities consist of a 16-inch tap on its 20-inch Grain Valley pipeline (Line XMA) and a triple run orifice meter setting, a 10' × 12' meter house, electronic flow measurement equipment, and appurtenant facilities setting on a 50' by

105' site in the plant yard. Williams anticipates that these facilities will be used for deliveries of gas other than NGPA Section 311 transportation and is seeking authorization to perform those deliveries. Williams states that it began delivering gas to MPS for Greenwood on December 19, 1996 with an initial delivery of 1,915 Dth. The annual volume to be delivered is estimated to be 685,000 Dth increasing to 729,000 Dth within three years. Williams estimates that the peak day volume will be 25,000 Dth. Williams notes that subject authorization will allow MPS receipt point and capacity release flexibility in the future.

Williams states the operation of the subject facilities will have no impact on its peak day or annual deliveries since the power plant load is primarily from May through October. According to Williams, the cost to construct the subject facilities was \$249,942, which was fully reimbursed by MPS. Williams contends that since it is an open access transporter pursuant to Section 284 blanket certificate, the volume of gas delivered to MPS after the request will not exceed the volume of gas authorized prior to the request. Williams has attached copies of its clearance letters from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Missouri State Historic Preservation Officer. Additionally, Williams has attached a copy of its Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation and Maintenance Plan utilized in the construction of the facilities. Williams states that it is sending a copy of the request to the Missouri Public Service Commission. Williams states that the proposal is not prohibited by an existing tariff, and Williams has sufficient capacity to accomplish the deliveries specified without detriment or disadvantage to its other customers.

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 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