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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP95-408-000 and RP95-408-001]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

October 24, 1996.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference in this proceeding will be convened on Friday, November 1, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. The settlement conference will be held at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, contact Thomas J. Burgess at 208-2058 or David R. Cain at 208-0917.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-762-001]

Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Amendment to a Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 24, 1996.

Take notice that on October 9, 1996, Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed an amendment to its prior notice request filed September 4, 1996, in Docket No. CP96-762-000 pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212(a), and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212, and 157.216) for authorization to replace and relocate the Missouri Public Service (MPS) Sedalia town border setting, under WNG's blanket certificate issued in

Docket No. CP82-479-000, 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.

WNG proposes to reclaim the Sedalia double run, 10-inch orifice meter setting and appurtenant facilities located in Section 34, Township 46 North, Range 22 West, Pettis County, Missouri, and to install a new triple 6-inch run orifice meter setting and appurtenant facilities at the site of WNG's mainline gate in Section 35, Township 46 North, Range 23 West, Pettis County, Missouri. WNG originally stated that the \$175,886 estimated cost to replace the Sedalia town border setting would be fully reimbursed by MPS. WNG now states that the statement that the project will be fully reimbursed by MPS was made in error and the project will, in fact, be only partially reimbursed by MPS.

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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-181028; FRL 5570-8]

Carboxin; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received a specific exemption request from the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Pesticide Regulation (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") to use the pesticide Pro-Gro (an unregistered end-use product

containing 30 percent carboxin, 50 percent thiram and 20 percent inert ingredients) to treat onion seed to control onion smut. Thiram is registered on onions, with an existing tolerance of 0.5 ppm for dry bulb onions. The specific exemption request addresses residues of carboxin resulting from the application of the end-use product. An emergency exemption for this use has been requested for the previous 3 years, and a complete application for registration of this use and a tolerance petition has not been submitted to the Agency. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 166.24, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 14, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-181028," should be submitted by mail to: Public Response and Program Resource Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [OPP-181028]. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found below in this document.

Information submitted in any comment concerning this notice may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as (CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be provided by the submitter for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments filed pursuant to this notice will be available for public inspection in Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall No. 2, 1921

Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Stephen Schaible, Registration Division (7505W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Floor 6, Crystal Station #1, 2800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 308-8337; e-mail: schaible.stephen@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), the Administrator may, at her discretion, exempt a state agency from any registration provision of FIFRA if she determines that emergency conditions exist which require such exemption. The Applicant has requested the Administrator to issue a specific exemption for the use of carboxin on onion seed to control onion smut. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

The loss of Arasan 50 Red, the fungicide historically used to control onion smut, has resulted in an urgent, non-routine situation for growers in northern onion growing states. Onion smut, caused by the fungus *Urocystis magica*, is a serious and widespread disease of seedling onions in northern onion producing states. In the past, onion smut was controlled with thiram 50 percent wettable powder (Arasan 50 Red) seed treatments. However, the DuPont Company ceased manufacture of this product in 1985, and growers have since exhausted existing stocks of Arasan 50 Red. According to the Applicant, there are no other registered pesticides or alternative practices available that will control this disease. There are other thiram products registered for use as onion seed treatments, but the maximum label rates are too low to control onion smut.

Under the proposed exemption, a maximum of 2.5 lbs. of product (0.75 lbs. of carboxin) per 100 lbs. of onion seed (2 oz. product/5 lbs. seed) will be applied to seed before packaging or as part of the pellet program. A maximum of one application will be applied directly to seed. A maximum of 52,300 lbs. of onion seed may be treated under this exemption.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a specific exemption proposing use of an emergency exemption which has been

requested in any 3 previous years, and a complete application for registration of the use and/or a tolerance petition has not been submitted to the Agency. Such notice provides for opportunity for public comment on the application.

A record has been established for this notice under docket number [OPP-181028] (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI is available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Room 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resource Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document. Accordingly, interested persons may submit written views on this subject to the Field Operations Division at the address above.

The Agency, accordingly, will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the emergency exemption requested by the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Pesticide Regulation.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, pesticides and pests, emergency exemptions.

Dated: October 15, 1996.

Stephen L. Johnson,
Director, Registration Division, Office of
Pesticide Programs.

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[OPP-181027; FRL 5570-4]

Chlorfenapyr; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received a specific exemption request from the Arizona Department of Agriculture (hereafter referred to as the "Applicant") to use the pesticide chlorfenapyr to treat up to 65,000 acres of lettuce to control beet armyworm (BAW). The Applicant proposes the use of a new (unregistered) chemical. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 166.24, EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether or not to grant the exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 14, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of written comments, bearing the identification notation "OPP-181027," should be submitted by mail to: Public Response and Program Resource Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460. In person, bring comments to: Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

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