

section 311(a)(2) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA).

Pontchartrain states that it is a Hinshaw Pipeline that operates wholly within the State of Louisiana and that it was issued a blanket certificate under section 284.224 on August 13, 1985. Pontchartrain provides storage service from a salt dome storage cavern it operates near Napoleonville, Assumption Parish, Louisiana. Pontchartrain states that the cavern is being leased from Shell Oil Company under a long term lease. Pontchartrain states that it currently provides Section 311 storage service to Shell Gas Services Company (Shell) under a contract that became effective November 9, 1992 and will terminate in 2012. Pontchartrain states that Shell is its only Section 311 storage customer and no other capacity is available for Section 311 service as all remaining capacity is used to serve intrastate customers.

Pursuant to section 284.123(b)(2)(ii), if the Commission does not act within 150 days of the filing date, the market-based negotiated rates for storage services will be deemed to be fair and equitable and not in excess of an amount which interstate pipelines would be permitted to charge for similar service. The Commission may, prior to the expiration of the 150-day period, extend the time for action or institute a proceeding to afford parties an opportunity for written comments and for the oral presentation of views, data, and arguments.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding must file a motion to intervene in accordance with Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures. All motions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before May 27, 1997. The petition for rate approval is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-68-004]

Stingray Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

May 12, 1997.

Take notice that on May 5, 1997, Stingray Pipeline Company (Stingray) tendered for filing as part of its FERC

Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, certain tariff sheets to be effective May 1, 1997.

Stingray states that the purpose of the filing is to comply with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's order issued on April 18, 1997 in Docket Nos. RP97-68-001, et al.

Stingray states that copies of the filing have been served on its jurisdictional customers, interested state commissions, and all parties set out on the official services list at Docket No. RP97-68.

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 Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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 protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-487-000]

Western Resources, Inc.; ONEOK, Inc., and WAI, Inc.; Notice of Application to Abandon Transportation and Exchange Services and Application for Certificate Transferring Certificates, Services, and Authorizations

May 12, 1997.

Take notice that on May 1, 1997, Western Resources, Inc. (Western), 818 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66612, ONEOK, Inc. (ONEOK), 100 West 5th Street, P.O. Box 871, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, and WAI, Inc. (WAI) jointly filed an application in Docket No. CP97-487-000. In the application, Western requests permission and approval, pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, to abandon/transfer: (1) Its limited jurisdiction certificate, issued in Docket No. CP93-750-000, which authorized the transportation of gas on a no-fee exchange basis between Western and Southern Union Company, d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy; (2) its blanket certificate authorization, issued

in Docket No. CP82-268-000; and (3) its section 7(f) service determination, issued to Western's predecessor—Kansas Power and Light Company in Docket No. CP89-485. ONEOK and WAI request a certificate authorizing ONEOK/WAI to: (1) Acquire Western's limited jurisdiction certificate; (2) acquire Western's blanket certificate authorization; (3) acquire Western's certificate authorizing its service area designation, i.e., Western's section 7(f) service determination; and (4) perform the transportation, exchange, and other services previously performed by Western, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

According to the Applicants, Western is a local distribution company that currently provides natural gas service to customers in Cherokee County, Kansas and Ottawa County, Oklahoma. ONEOK operates principally as a natural gas utility through its Oklahoma Natural Gas Company division, which serves customers in Oklahoma, and WAI will be formed prior to the proposed transfer transaction, as a corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Western, qualified to do business in Kansas.

The Applicants state that after the transfer transaction, ONEOK/WAI will be comprised of Western's existing gas operations in Cherokee County, Kansas and Ottawa County, Oklahoma and all of ONEOK's operations. The Applicants further assert that no change in gas business operations will occur at this time.

The Transfer Transaction

Western and ONEOK have entered into an agreement, dated December 12, 1996, under which Western will contribute its regulated gas businesses in Kansas and Oklahoma to WAI, including Western's stock in Westar Gas Marketing, Inc. (Western's marketing subsidiary), and Western's stock in Mid Continent Market Center, Inc. (MCMC),¹ in exchange for WAI common and preferred stock, and the assumption (by WAI) of certain of Western's unsecured debts. ONEOK will then merge into WAI, which (according to the Applicants) will result in the one-for-one conversion of all of the outstanding ONEOK common shares of stock into

¹ According to the Applicants, MCMC is a regulated, wholly-owned subsidiary of Western that the Commission recognized as a Hinshaw pipeline in Docket No. CP95-684-000. The Applicants add that MCMC operates in Kansas, providing interstate service under a blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP95-684-000, under which MCMC is allowed to conduct transaction under Part 284 of the Commission's regulations.

WAI common shares, such that the ONEOK shareholders will own not less than 55 percent (55%) of the WAI outstanding equity. The Applicants state that, immediately following the transfer transaction, Western will own up to 9.9 percent (9.9%) of the outstanding WAI common stock and, together with the WAI preferred stock, up to 45 percent of the WAI outstanding equity. The applicants add that WAI will assume all of the debts of ONEOK as part of the transfer transaction, and that WAI will change its name to ONEOK, Inc. after the transfer transaction closes. Accordingly, the Applicants request that the Commission issue the certificate to WAI in the name of ONEOK, Inc.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before June 2, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a 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 party 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.

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, or if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment and a grant of the requested certificate are 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 the Applicants to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP95-136-007]

Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Report of Refunds

May 12, 1997.

Take notice that on April 15, 1997, Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG) tendered for filing a refund report pursuant to the November 27, 1997, Stipulation and Agreement in Docket No. RP95-136.

WGN states that a copy of its filing was served on all participants listed on the service list maintained by the Commission in the docket referenced above and on all of WNG's jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Regulations. All such protests should be filed on or before May 19, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-215-002]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

May 12, 1997.

Take notice that on May 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 revised tariff sheets to the filing, to become effective February 1, 1997.

Williston Basin states that the revised tariff sheets reflect a revision to its current electric fuel reimbursement provision outlined in Section 38 of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1. In implementing its newly approved provision, Williston Basin discovered that the conversion factor proposed to be utilized to determine the level of dekatherm quantities of electric power purchased is flawed and consequently will not keep the Company and its shippers whole for the recovery of electric compressor fuel costs. Williston Basin is now proposing to simply utilize the cost of electric power purchased for use in the operation of its compressors as the basis for developing the appropriate reimbursement rates.

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 Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. 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 protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Hearings and Appeals

Cases Filed During the Week of April 7 Through April 11, 1997

During the Week of April 7 through April 11, 1997, the appeals, applications, petitions or other requests listed in this Notice were filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy.

Any person who will be aggrieved by the DOE action sought in any of these cases may file written comments on the application within ten days of publication of this Notice or the date of receipt of actual notice, whichever occurs first. All such comments shall be filed with the Office of Hearings and