

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. GT98-7-000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Filing

December 16, 1997.

Take notice that on December 12, 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 revised tariff sheets to become effective December 12, 1997:

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 775
 Eighth Revised Sheet No. 776
 Tenth Revised Sheet No. 777
 Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 825
 Eighteenth Revised Sheet No. 829
 Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 830
 Nineteenth Revised Sheet No. 831
 Twenty-first Revised Sheet No. 832
 Twenty-first Revised Sheet No. 833

Williston Basin states that the revised tariff sheets are being filed simply to update its Master Receipt/Delivery Point List.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. 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. RP98-31-001]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

December 16, 1997.

Take notice that on December 12, 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 revised tariff sheets to become effective December 1, 1997:

Substitute Original Sheet No. 283A
 Substitute Original Sheet No. 283B
 Substitute Original Sheet No. 283C

Williston Basin states that the revised tariff sheets reflect modifications to Williston Basin's FERC Gas Tariff in compliance with the Commission's "Order Accepting Tariff Sheets Subject to Conditions" issued November 28, 1997 in the above referenced docket as more fully detailed in the filing.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP97-769-000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Campo Lateral Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

December 16, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities, about 115 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline, proposed in the Campo Lateral Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether

the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG) wants to transport Raton Basin Area gas directly from its existing Picketwire Lateral through its Campo Regulator Station through the proposed new Campo Lateral to existing delivery points (south of the Campo Meter Station) for increased service to three interstate pipelines (Transwestern Pipeline Company, Northern Natural Gas Company, and El Paso Natural Gas Company). The proposed Campo Lateral would bypass upstream bottlenecks on CIG's system and increase the capacity of the Picketwire Lateral from 43 MMcf per day to about 110.5 MMcf per day. CIG seeks authority to:

- Construct and operate 115.53 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline (to be known as the Campo Lateral) in Las Animas and Baca Counties, Colorado;
- Increase the MAOP of the Picketwire Lateral from 1233 psia to 1308 psig.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.² If you are interested in obtaining detailed maps of a specific portion of the project, or procedural information please write to the Secretary of the Commission.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require the disturbance of about 1,475 acres of land. Following construction, about 700 acres would be maintained as new permanent right-of-way. A total of about 0.05 acre will be maintained for five (20 feet by 20 feet each) permanent aboveground block valve sites. Except for the five permanent block valve sites, all land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

¹ Colorado Interstate Gas Company's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
- Vegetation and wildlife;
- Land use;
- Cultural resources;
- Endangered and threatened species.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Northern. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Nine federally listed endangered or threatened species may occur in the proposed project area.
- The Granada Branch or the Cimarron Cutoff of the Santa Fe Trail would be crossed.
- About 14 miles of the Comanche National Grass Lands would be crossed.
- Five perennial, streams would be crossed: Frijole, San Francisco, Salt, Trinchera, and Chacuaco Creeks.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific

comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.2)
- Reference Docket No. CP97-769-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 15, 1998.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "Intervenor." Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules or Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention.

You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-49-000]

K N. Wattenberg Transmission Limited Liability Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Front Runner Pipeline Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

December 17, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed by K N Wattenberg Transmission Limited Liability Company (KNW) as the Front Runner Pipeline Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

Summary of the Proposed Project

KNW proposes to construct, acquire, and operate new and existing pipeline facilities to establish a new natural gas transportation system along the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains in north central Colorado. KNW would interconnect three segments (about 75 miles) of new pipeline with two segments (about 33.5 miles) of existing pipeline, providing new capacity for transporting gas between the Rockport "gas hub" in northern Weld County and natural gas processors, users, and transporters in southern Weld and northern Adams County (northern Denver). The new pipeline would have the capacity to provide users at the southern end with 250 million cubic feet (MMcf) of natural gas per day, and gas producers at the southern end with the ability to transport 80 MMcf per day to new markets accessible via several existing interstate carriers whose facilities converge at Rockport.² Specifically, KNW seeks authority to construct and operate:

- About 45.2 miles of new 24-inch-diameter pipeline extending from Rockport (in northern Weld County) south to northern Johnstown;

¹ KNW's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

² Pipeline carriers having facilities at Rockport include K N Interstate Gas Transmission Company, Colorado Interstate Gas Company, Trailblazer Pipeline Company, Williams Natural Gas Company, and Wyoming Interstate Company.