

pursuant to contract number RJ97153001.

On Thursday, August 6, there will be a meeting of three committees of the Governing Board. The Design and Methodology Committee will meet in open session from 1:00–4:00 p.m. to take action on the Validity Research Agenda, the policies on Voluntary National Tests Pilot Testing, and VNT Accommodations. The Committee will hear briefings on design issues pertaining to the VNT and NAEP.

The Subject Area Committee #2 will meet in open session from 3:00–5:00 p.m. The Committee will receive an update on the NAEP 2000 assessments, the math content, and VNT item development issues and timelines. The Committee will take action on the AIR Work Plan for Calculator Access and Use.

The Executive Committee will meet on August 6 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in open session. In the open session from 5:00–6:00 p.m., the Executive Committee will be briefed by staff on the following items: NAEP and the Voluntary National Tests projects, the status of the grant program for secondary analysis of the NAEP data, and NAEP redesign issues.

The Executive Committee will hold a partially closed meeting on August 6, from 6:00–7:00 p.m., to discuss the development of cost estimates for current and future contract initiatives for NAEP.

Also during, the same closed session, the Executive Committee will discuss processed modifications in the Voluntary National Tests contract to make decisions regarding exercising the second option year of the contract. These matters concerning the NAEP and Voluntary National Tests contracts must be discussed in closed session because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on these programs. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On August 7, the full Board will convene in open session beginning at 8:30 a.m. The agenda for this session of the full Board meeting includes approval of the agenda, a report from the Executive Director, and an update on the NAEP project. This session will conclude with a presentation by representatives of the teacher's unions on the Teacher Perspective on NAEP and Voluntary National Tests.

Between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, there will be open meetings of the

following committees: Achievement Levels, Reporting and Dissemination, and Subject Area Committee #1. The Achievement Levels Committee will hear a report on the result of the Field Trials in the civics and writing assessments. The Committee will take action on the NAEP Design document. At 11:00 a.m. the Committee will meet jointly with the Design and Methodology Committee to hear a briefing on linking issues regarding the Voluntary National Tests.

Agenda items for the Reporting and Dissemination Committee include review of schedule and plans for release of future NAEP reports; review of plans for the reporting of—district-level results from existing state samples and private school results; review of the NAGB policy issues on reporting and dissemination of the National Assessment, namely rank-ordering of state-by-state data and primacy of achievement-level results. The Committee will hear briefings on the plans for public hearings on VNT issues, and work-plan activities regarding the reporting and the utilization of VNT data.

Subject Area Committee #1 will receive an update on NAEP assessment activities and VNT item development issues and timeline. The Committee will take action on the AIR proposal for determining readability of the VNT.

The full Board will reconvene at 12:00 noon. The agenda items during this period include briefings on the following: National Academy of Sciences Linking Study; Discussion of the NAS Letter Report on VNT Item Development, NCES Task Force on State Participation in NAEP; and an Update on the Voluntary National Tests project. The Board recess is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

On Saturday, August 8, the full Board will meet in open session from 9:00 a.m. until adjournment, approximately 12:00 noon. The agenda for this session is an update on the Voluntary National Tests project and the presentation of reports from the various Board committee meetings.

A summary of the activities of the closed and partially closed sessions and other related matters which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of the section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days after the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North

Capitol Street, NW, Washington, D.C., from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Roy Truby,**

*Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98–661–000]

#### Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 17, 1998.

Take notice that on July 10, 1998, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), Post Office Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77251–1478, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP98–661–000, pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to operate as a jurisdictional facility in interstate commerce a meter station previously installed, operated and placed in service under Section 311(a) of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) and Section 284.3(c) of the Commission's regulations authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82–430–000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Koch Gateway proposes to operate as a jurisdictional facility a two-inch meter station constructed under 311(a) of the NGPA, to facilitate delivery of natural gas on behalf of Willmut Gas and Oil Company (Willmut), a local distribution company in Covington County, Mississippi to Blaine Asphalt, Inc. (Blaine), a end user. Koch states that presently the meter station is limited solely for gas transportation under section 311 of the NGPA. Operation of the facilities for other than NGPA purposes would provide increased access to shippers utilizing Natural Gas Act service and provide Willmut the ability to obtain additional flexibility in acquiring gas supplies. Koch states that once this delivery point is certificated as a jurisdictional facility, Willmut will be able to receive gas shipped to this point pursuant to jurisdictional open-access transportation agreements as well as Section 311 agreements. Koch reports that Willmut estimates its peak day and average day requirements for this delivery point be 1,630 MMBtu and 104

MMBtu, respectively. Koch further reports that Willmut reimbursed Koch Gateway approximately \$53,000 for construction costs.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 54 days after the Commission has issued this notice, 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, 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 NGA.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-654-000]

#### Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 17, 1998.

Take notice that on July 6, 1998, Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT), 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP98-654-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216) for the abandonment, construction and operation of certain facilities in St. Louis, Missouri, under MRT's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP98-482-000 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.

Specifically, MRT proposes to relocate facilities by abandoning a 6-inch delivery tap and installing and operating a new 4-inch delivery tap on MRT's St. Louis Line to serve Laclede Gas, a local distribution company in St. Louis, Missouri. MRT states that the total estimated volumes to be delivered to these facilities are 5,000 MMBtu annually and 15 MMBtu on a peak day. The total estimated cost of the relocation is \$100,477.

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.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-3096-000]

#### Pepco Services, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

July 17, 1998.

Pepco Services, Inc. (Pepco Services), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Potomac Capital Investment Corporation which is, in turn, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Potomac Electric Power Company, filed an application for Commission authorization to engage in the marketing of energy and power at wholesale and the brokering of energy and capacity at wholesale, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, Pepco Services requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by Pepco Services. On July 16, 1998, the Commission issued an Order Accepting For Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates (Order), in the above-docket proceeding.

The Commission's July 16, 1998 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (C), (D), and (F):

(C) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by Pepco Services should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of

the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(D) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (C) above, Pepco Services is hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Pepco Services, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(F) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of Pepco Service's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities \* \* \*

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is August 17, 1998.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-662-000]

#### Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 17, 1998.

Take notice that on July 10, 1998, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee), 1001 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP98-662-000 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 a sales tap in Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana under Tennessee's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-413-000 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.

The tap had been used for a direct sale of natural gas for agricultural purposes since an in-service date of