

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. RP00-128-001]****Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

January 27, 2000.

Take notice that on January 18, 2000, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 6B, with the proposed effective date of January 1, 2000.

Williams states that on December 1, 1999, it made a filing pursuant to Article 13 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff to reflect revised fuel and loss reimbursement percentages for the production and market areas and for storage. By order issued December 28, 1999 (order), the Commission accepted the filing to be effective January 1, 2000, subject to Williams filing within 20 days of the order, a revised tariff sheet and workpapers listing the revised fuel and loss reimbursement percentage for the production area that reflects the removal of the out-of-period adjustment of 219,080 Dth for fuel retained. This filing is being made to comply with the order. Williams reserves the right to modify this filing should the Commission modify its December 28, 1999 order.

Williams 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 Williams' jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/>

[rims.htm](http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm) (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 11512-000 Oregon]****John Bigelow; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment**

January 27, 2000.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for a new license for the existing McKenzie Hydroelectric Project. The project is located on the McKenzie River, in Lane County, Oregon.

On July 10, 1998, the Commission staff issued a draft environmental assessment (DEA) for the project and requested that comments be filed with the Commission within 45 days. Comments on the DEA were filed by two entities and are addressed in the final environmental assessment (FEA) for the project.

The FEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP99-284-000]****Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Index 1 Pipeline and Laterals Abandonment Project**

January 27, 2000.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the abandonment of the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the proposed abandonment of the pipelines and appurtenant facilities including:

- Abandon in place about 72.4 miles of 10-, 16-, 18-, and 20-inch-diameter Index 1 Pipeline in Kaufman, Dallas, and Tarrant Counties, Texas;
- Abandon in place the following lateral pipeline totaling about 29.2 miles in Dallas and Tarrant Counties, Texas:
  - 7.3 miles of 12-inch-diameter Index 1-31 pipeline;
  - 0.9 mile of 18-inch-diameter Index 1-37 pipeline;
  - 5.6 miles of 20-inch-diameter Index 1-37 pipeline;
  - 10.6 miles of 16-inch-diameter Index 4 pipeline;
  - 4.7 miles of 20-inch-diameter Index 6 pipeline; and
  - 0.1 mile of 4-inch-diameter Index 808 pipeline.
- Construct and operate 39 "pig" launching and receiving facilities to clean out the pipelines proposed for abandonment; and
- Abandon by removal appurtenant facilities consisting of 6 meter stations, 39 blow-off assemblies, 12 by-pass valves, 15 block valves, 8 tap valves, 40 segments of pipeline of various diameters totaling about 429 feet, about 1,690 feet of pipeline of various diameters at four waterbody crossings, 1,648 feet of exposed pipeline, 62 farm taps, 5 industrial taps, and certain other minor facilities.

Koch seeks authority to abandon these facilities due to rising operating and

maintenance costs, the number of encroachments, and increasing number of requests to relocate portions of the pipeline.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your comments to: 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-11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP99-284-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 26, 2000.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You don't need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC Internet website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the

RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

January 27, 2000.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 2566-010.

c. *Date filed:* March 30, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* Consumers Energy Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Webber Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Grand River, in Lyons and Portland Townships, near the City of Portland, Ionia County, Michigan. The project would not utilize federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* David Battige, Consumers Energy Company, Hydro Operations, 330 Chestnut Street, Cadillac, MI 49601, (616) 779-5506.

i. *FERC Contact:* Tom Dean, [thomas.dean@ferc.fed.us](mailto:thomas.dean@ferc.fed.us). (202) 219-2778.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on

each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Status of environmental analysis:* This application has been accepted for filing is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 32-foot-high, 1,200-foot-long dam comprising: (a) a 157-foot-long concrete powerhouse section, (b) a 313-foot-long concrete spillway with 10 Taintor gates and one hydraulic flap gate, and (c) two earth embankment sections having a combined total length of 730 feet; (2) a 7-mile-long reservoir having a 660-acre surface area at a normal pool elevation of 684.4 feet USGS; (3) a powerhouse containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 3,250 kW; and (4) other appurtenances.

m. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20246, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

The Commission directs, pursuant to Section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY