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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2618]

#### Georgia Pacific Corporation; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

October 17, 2000.

Georgia Pacific Corporation, licensee for the West Branch Storage Project No. 2618, did not file an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commissions' regulations thereunder. Project No. 2618 is located on the West Branch St. Croix River in Washington County, Maine.

The license for Project No. 2618 was issued for a period ending September 30, 2000. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in Section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of Section 15 of the FPA, then, based on Section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b),

to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2618 is issued to Georgia Pacific Corporation for a period effective October 1, 2000, through September 30, 2001, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before September 30, 2001, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Georgia Pacific Corporation is authorized to continue operation of the West Branch Storage Project No. 2618 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-9-000]

#### Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 17, 2000.

Take notice that on October 10, 2000, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc. (Granite State), 300 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581, filed in Docket No. CP01-9-000 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 certain facilities, located in York County, Maine, under Granite State's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-515-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Granite State proposes to abandon three facilities in Biddeford, Maine. First, Granite State requests authority to abandon a farm tap, the Southern Maine Medical Station (Southern Maine Station), located in York County, Maine. Granite State states that a local distribution company affiliate, Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern Utilities), has already constructed facilities to serve those customers located behind the Southern Maine Station. Granite State, therefore, proposes to abandon and remove the Southern Maine Station, because it is no longer necessary to provide service and is duplicative of facilities owned and operated by Northern Utilities. Granite State declares that it will continue to provide natural gas service to Northern Utilities via other existing facilities in order to enable Northern Utilities to continue serving the load behind the Southern Maine Station. Granite State asserts that customers behind the Southern Maine Station will see no diminution in service.

Second, Granite State proposes to abandon and remove facilities known as the Biddeford Industrial Station (Biddeford Station), located York County, Maine. Granite State declares that it has previously constructed a new station at this location under Docket No. CP98-96. Therefore, Granite State asserts that the Biddeford Station facilities are not longer needed to provide service and are duplicative of the newly constructed facilities. Granite State states that service to customers behind the Biddeford Station will continue to be provided by Northern Utilities and will be unaffected by the proposed abandonment.

Third, Granite State proposes to abandon a third station, Five Points Station, also located in York County, Maine. Granite State declares that the Five Points Station, which is connected to Northern Utilities, is currently located within the path of a road construction project. Granite State proposes to remove, but not replace the Five Points Station. Granite State asserts that customers currently served, via Northern Utilities, will continue to be served by Northern Utilities by providing service to these customers with natural gas from other points of interconnect with Granite State, including the Biddeford Station. Granite State states that these customers will be wholly unaffected by grant of this application.

Granite State asserts that the proposed abandonments of the Southern Maine, Biddeford, and Five Points Stations will not affect Granite State's revenues. Granite State states that the combined

net book value of all three of these stations is \$21,856.42. Granite State declares that Northern Utilities has consented to the proposed abandonments and also will continue to serve all customers located behind the three stations proposed to be abandoned.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to George Simmons, Director, Regulatory Affairs, Granite State Gas Transmission, Inc., 300 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581, phone: (508) 836-7265.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instance 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. Beginning November 1, 2000, comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-220-005]

#### Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Negotiated Rate Agreement

October 17, 2000.

Take notice that on October 11, 2000, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) filed for disclosure, a transportation service agreement pursuant to Great Lakes' Rate Schedule FT entered into by Great Lakes and Midland Cogeneration Venture Limited Partnership (MCV) (FT Service Agreement). The FT Service Agreement

being filed reflects a negotiated rate arrangement between Great Lakes and MCV commencing November 1, 2000.

Great Lakes states that the FT Service Agreement is being filed to implement a negotiated rate contract as required by both Great Lakes' negotiated rate tariff provisions and the Commission's Statement of Policy on Alternatives to Traditional Cost-of-Service Ratemaking for Natural Gas Pipelines and Regulation of Negotiated Transportation Services of Natural Gas Pipelines, issued January 31, 1996, at Docket Nos. RM95-6-000 and RM96-7-000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a 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 proceedings. 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-6-000]

#### Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

October 17, 2000.

Take notice that on October 6, 2000, Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP (Gulf South) and Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch) (Applicants), both located at 20 East Greenway Plaza, Houston, Texas, 77046, filed in the above docket, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to permit Koch, as a result of its change in corporate form from a corporation to a limited partnership, to abandon its jurisdictional assets and

services and Gulf South to acquire these same jurisdictional assets and services, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The application may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm>. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Koch states that as a result of this conversion, its corporate name will change to Gulf South, but the same corporate legal entity will continue to own and operate Koch's facilities pursuant to the same rates, terms and conditions previously approved by the Commission. The Applicants state that the authorizations requested in the application are required by the present and future public convenience and necessity and will not adversely affect Koch's customers or the services they receive on the pipeline as all rates and services will remain unchanged. The Applicants state that they request the Commission to grant the requested amendment to Koch's existing certificate of public convenience and necessity on an expedited basis, no later than November 15, 2000 which will be the first day of operation after the jurisdictional assets are conveyed to Gulf South. It is stated that any questions regarding the application should be directed to Michael E. McMahon, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company, 20 East Greenway Plaza, Houston, Texas, 77046 at (713) 544-4796.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said Application should on or before October 27, 2000, 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 parties 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