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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP02-538-000]

Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 11, 2002.

Take notice that on September 6, 2002, Wyoming Interstate Company, Ltd. (WIC) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 2, the following tariff sheet to become effective November 1, 2002:

First Revised Sheet No. 36A

WIC states that this tariff sheet revises the posting procedures for the monthly cash out index price.

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 or 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. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link.

Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For Assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or for TTY, (202) 208-1659. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the

instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

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[Docket No. CP02-416-000]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central Incorporated; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Southwest Missouri Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

September 11, 2002.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Williams Gas Pipelines Central Incorporated's (Williams) proposed Southwest Missouri Expansion Project in Cherokee County, Kansas, and Jasper and Newton Counties, Missouri.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.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a Williams representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, Williams could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" should have been attached to the project notice Petal provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

This Notice of Intent (NOI) is being sent to landowners along William's

¹ Williams' application was filed under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations on July 31, 2002.

proposed pipeline route; Federal, state, and local government agencies; national elected officials; regional environmental and public interest groups; Indian tribes that might attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the area of potential effects; local libraries and newspapers; and the Commission's list of parties to the proceeding. Government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern. Additionally, with this NOI we² are asking Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. These agencies may choose to participate once they have evaluated William's proposal relative to their agencies' responsibilities. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described below.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Williams proposes to construct, expand, own, operate and maintain certain natural gas facilities in order to increase incremental firm transportation service to two existing customers: Empire District Electric Company and Kansas Gas Service. The action would include: Constructing 15.67 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline, beginning at the end of William's existing Southern Trunk 20-inch-diameter FR pipeline in Cherokee County, Kansas, and ending at Williams' existing meter station for the Empire Power Plant in Jasper County, Missouri; removing and relocating the pig trap currently at the end of the Southern Trunk 20-inch-diameter FR pipeline to the end of the new 15.67-mile-long 20-inch-diameter pipeline at the Empire Power Plant meter station; and upgrading piping at Williams' existing Saginaw Compressor Station in Newton County, Missouri to increase maximum allowable operating pressure from 820 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) to 900 psig. The general location of the facilities proposed by Williams is shown on the map attached as appendix 1.³

² "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects.

³ The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available for review at the Commission's Public Reference Room during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 a.m. Eastern time) at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371, or on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.gov) using the FERRIS link. For instructions on connecting to FERRIS refer to the