DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00–450–001]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Compliance Filing

September 27, 2000.

Take notice that on September 22, 2000, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing to be part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 62, to be effective September 11, 2000.

Natural states that the tariff sheet was filed in compliance with the Commission's ''Order Accepting Tariff Sheets Subject to Conditions'' issued September 8, 2000, in Docket NO. RP00–450–000 (Order) related to revisions to its General Terms and Conditions, Rate Schedules FRSS, FTS, IBS and DSS and the pro forma service agreement.

Natural requests any waivers of the Commission's Regulations to the extent necessary to permit the tariff sheet submitted herein to become effective September 11, 2000, consistent with the Order.

Natural states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all parties set out on the Commission's official service list in Docket No. RP00–450.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 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 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 (call 202–208–2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Project Nos. 2232–381, 2331–014, 2332–021, 2503–048, 2740–041 North and South Carolina]

Duke Energy Corporation; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

September 27, 2000.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA analyzes the environmental impacts of approving Duke Energy Corporation's (Duke) excavation programmatic agreement (PA) for the above five projects located in North and South Carolina. These projects include the following 16 reservoirs: Lake James, Rodhiss, Hickory, Lookout Shoals, Norman, Mountain Island, Wylie, Fishing Creek, Great Falls, Rocky Creek, Wateree, Ninety-Nine Islands, Gaston Shoals, Jocassee, Keowee and Bad Creek.

In its PA, Duke requests authority to grant permits to excavate up to 2,000 cubic yards (cy) of lakebottom sediments without obtaining prior Commission approval. Duke also asks for authority to grant permits for maintenance excavations involving any amount of sediment. Maintenance excavations are defined in the PA. Applicants would still have to obtain all other necessary local, state and federal permits and many other restrictions apply.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In the EA, Commission staff conclude that approving the PA and granting Duke the requested authority would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Copies of the EA can be viewed on the web at *www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm.* Call (202) 208–2222 for assistance. Copies are also available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208–1371.

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Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP00–394–000]

William Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Pampa Pipeline (Line G) Abandonment Project, and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

September 27, 2000.

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 abandonment of facilities proposed in the Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams) Pampa Pipeline (Line G), also known as the Wichita-Ottawa line, Abandonment Project in Butler, Chase, and Lyon Counties, Kansas.[1] These facilities consist of about 64.3 miles of 16- and 20-inch-diameter pipeline. The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner on Williams' existing Line G pipeline and receive this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the proposed abandonment of facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement in regards to additional work space for pipe staging areas needed for the proposed abandonment of facilities. 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, the pipeline company 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?'' was attached to the project notice Williams provided to landowners along the Line G route. 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 website (www.ferc.fed.us).

This Notice of Intent (NOI) is being sent to landowners of property crossed by Williams' Line G; Federal, state, and

[1] Williams' application was filed with the Commission on June 21, 2000, under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.