petition for rate approval pursuant to Section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations, and pursuant to the Commission's order issued March 4, 1996 in Docket No. PR95–7–000. In its petition, Tekas requests the Commission to approve a system-wide maximum rate of $0.1465 per Mcf (plus a pro rata share of fuel and lost and unaccounted for gas). Tekas states that the rate will be applicable to its transportation services provided under Section 311(a)(2) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA), effective August 1, 1998.

Pursuant to section 284.123(b)(2)(ii), if the Commission does not act within 150 days of the filing date, the rate will be deemed to be fair and equitable and not in excess of an amount which interstate pipelines would be permitted to charge for similar transportation service. The Commission may, prior to the expiration of the 150-day period, extend the time for action or institute a proceeding to afford parties an opportunity for written comments and for the oral presentation of views, data, and arguments.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding must file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures. All motions or protests must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before April 2, 1998. 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 the petition are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98–14–000]

Albert A. Thornbrough; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

March 18, 1998.

Take notice that on March 6, 1998, Albert A. Thornbrough (Thornbrough) filed a petition for adjustment under section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA),[1] seeking Commission intervention to resolve a dispute between himself and Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG) concerning ad valorem taxes for years 1982 through 1986. Thornbrough requests that he be relieved of his obligation to pay Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, as required by the Commission's September 10, 1997 order, in Docket Nos. GP97–3–000, GP97–4–000, GP97–5–000, and RP97–369–000.[2] Thornbrough's petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The Commission's September 10 order on remand from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals[3] directed first sellers under the NGPA to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988. The Commission's September 10 order also provided that first sellers could, with the Commission's prior approval, amortize their Kansas ad valorem tax refunds over a 5-year period, although interest would continue to accrue on any outstanding balance.

As of March 9, 1998, CIG claims that Thornbrough owes CIG $108,883.73 in principal and $156,621.88 in interest. Thornbrough disputes CIG's claim entirely. If the Commission determines that Thornbrough is required to pay some or all of the disputed amount to CIG, Thornbrough seeks a staff adjustment pursuant to Section 502(c) of the NGPA, abating all of the disputed amount. If the Commission subsequently determines that Thornbrough is required to pay some or all of the disputed amount to CIG, Thornbrough seeks permission to amortize the required sum over a five-year period commencing on march 9, 1999 such that the first installment would be equal to one-fifth of the total principal and interest owing as of that date; the second installment equal to ¼ of the remaining total; the third installment equal to ⅓ of the remaining balance; the fourth installment equal to ½ of the remaining amount; and the fifth installment would be equal to the balance of all principal and interest owing as of March 9, 2003.

Thornbrough, as operator, claims that the production and his working and revenue interests therein, as well as the royalty interest owners, of the following wells are the subject of this dispute:

Well name	Location	Gross work interest (percent)	Net revenue interest (percent)
Lindsay #1	Section 25	100	76.56
McDonald #1	Section 13	50	43.75
McDonald #2	Section 13	31.25	27.31
Thornbrough #1	Section 24	100	82.31
Thornbrough #2	Section 24	62.5	51.26

All of these wells are located at T25S–R39W in Hamilton County, Kansas. Thornbrough also claims that its request for relief from its Kansas ad valorem taxes for the years 1982–1986 is based on a May 1, 1989 Settlement Agreement with CIG where the only mention of these types of taxes, to which Thornbrough may be liable for making a refund, is for the years 1987 and 1988.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will

[1] 15 U.S.C. 3142(c) (1982).

[2] See 80 FERC ¶ 61,264 (1997); order denying reh'g issued January 28, 1998, 82 FERC ¶ 61,058 (1998).

[3] *Public Service Company of Colorado* v. *FERC*, 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. 1996), cert. denied, Nos. 96–954 and 96–1230 (65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754, May 12, 1997) (Public Service).

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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98–279–000]

Williams Gas Pipelines Central Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

March 18, 1998.

Take note that on March 11, 1998, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (formerly named Williams Natural Gas Company) (Williams), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed in Docket No. CP98–279–000, a request, pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.208(b), and 157.212(a) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.208, and 157.212), for authorization to utilize facilities, both acquired and constructed, for the delivery of NGPA Section 311 transportation gas to Kansas City Power & Light (KCPL) for the Hawthorn power plant in Jackson County, Missouri, for purposes other than NGPA Section 311 transportation, under Williams' blanket certificate authorization issued in Docket No. CP82–479–000, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Williams asserts that it seeks to utilize existing NGPA Section 311 transportation facilities for other deliveries of gas to KCPL so that KCPL will have the opportunity to transport not only NGPA Section 311 gas, but capacity release and Section 284 gas as well.

Wiliams says it began flowing gas to KCPL for the Hawthorn plant on August 11, 1997. Williams reports that the on-behalf-of party for the transportation agreement is Enogex, Inc., an intrastate pipeline company. Williams indicates that according to KCPL, the projected annual volume of delivery is estimated to be approximately 1.8 to 1.9 Bcf with a peak day volume of 50,800 Dth. Williams reports that the total project cost was approximately $17,701,7814, which will be recouped through a new firm transportation agreement with KCPL.

Williams states that this change is not prohibited by an existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish the deliveries specified without detriment or disadvantage to its other customers. Williams says it has sent a copy of this request to the Missouri Public Service Commission.

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 therefore, 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. ER98–2115–000, et al.]

California Independent System Operator Corporation, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

March 18, 1998.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. California Independent System Operator Corporation

[Docket No. ER98–2115–000]

Take notice that on March 6, 1998, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO), tendered for filing a Participating Generator Agreement between the ISO and the California Department of Water Resources for acceptance by the Commission.

The ISO states that this filing has been served on all parties listed on the official service list in Docket Nos. EC96–19–003 and ER96–1663–003, including the California Public Utilities Commission.

Comment date: March 27, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. Salem Electric, Inc.

[Docket No. ER98–2175–000]

Take notice that on March 1, 1997, Salem Electric, Inc. (Salem Electric) petitioned the Commission for acceptance of Salem Electric Rate Schedule FERC No. 1; the granting of certain blanket approvals, including the authority to sell electricity at market-based rates; and the waiver of certain Commission regulations.

Salem Electric intend to engage in wholesale electric power and energy purchases and sales as a marketer. Salem Electric is not in the business of generating or transmitting electric power.

Comment date: March 31, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

3. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER98–2176–000]

Take notice that on March 13, 1998, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) tendered for filing a proposed notice of cancellation of an umbrella service agreement with Coastal Electric Services Company for non-firm transmission service under FPL's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

FPL requests that the proposed cancellation be permitted to become effective on April 1, 1998.

FPL states that this filing is in accordance with Section 35 of the Commission's regulations.

Comment date: April 3, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

4. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER98–2177–000]

Take notice that on March 13, 1998, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) tendered for filing proposed service agreements with Engage Energy US, L.P. for short-term firm and non-firm transmission service under FPL's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

FPL requests that the proposed service agreements be permitted to become effective on April 1, 1998.

FPL states that this filing is in accordance with Section 35 of the Commission's regulations.

Comment date: April 3, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER98–2178–000]

Take notice that on March 13, 1998, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) tendered for filing proposed service agreements with Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia for short-term firm and non-firm transmission service