

KPU's proposal to use the alternative procedures to file an application for the Connell Lake Hydroelectric Project.

The comments must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulations to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Dockets—Room 1A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

All comment filings must bear the heading "Comments on the Alternative Procedure," and include the project name and number (Connell Lake Hydroelectric Project, No. 11599).

For further information, call Gaylord Hoisington of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 219-2756, or E-mail Gaylord.Hoisington@FERC.FED.US. Information is also available on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us). Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-109-000]

#### Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

December 22, 1998.

Take notice that on December 10, 1998, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), Post Office Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77521-1478, filed in Docket No. CP99-109-000 an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, for permission and approval to abandon by sale to MidCoast Gas Pipeline, Inc. (MidCoast), a Texas intrastate pipeline company, certain transmission and gathering facilities located in southern Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Koch Gateway requests authorization to abandon, by sale to MidCoast, approximately 130 miles of various size transmission pipeline and metering facilities, as well as certain certificated gathering facilities, located in Bee, Live Oak, Jim Wells, San Patricio, Nueces and Duval Counties, Texas, referred to as Indexes 23, 50 and 85; and, collectively referred to herein as the Bruni System. Koch Gateway states that these facilities are no longer economically justified as a part of its interstate pipeline system. Koch Gateway further states that the facilities

are not located near its other productive pipeline assets and that Koch Gateway has no plans to expand its natural gas service in the area served by the assets proposed for abandonment. In addition, Koch Gateway states that the operation and maintenance costs of the Bruni System are relatively high and are not proportionate to the revenue generated by the facilities. Koch Gateway states that abandonment of the facilities will reduce operating and maintenance costs on its system and will result in the transfer of under-utilized facilities to an entity that can more efficiently and profitably employ them in providing economical and reliable natural gas transportation service. It is stated that the Purchase and Sale Agreement provides that Koch Gateway will sell the above facilities to MidCoast for \$525,000.

Koch Gateway states that it currently utilizes the facilities proposed for abandonment to provide gathering and firm transportation services to a single customer, Entex, Inc. (Entex), a local distribution company and delivers natural gas to various farm taps and small city-gates on behalf of Entex. It is stated that Entex does not oppose the proposed abandonment and has reached agreement with MidCoast for continued natural gas service. Koch Gateway states that it proposes to provide 30-day written notice to all affected interruptible gathering and transportation customers. It is stated that after the sale of the assets, MidCoast intends to offer interruptible gathering and transmission services at negotiated rates.

Koch Gateway states that it currently provides a no-cost pooling service and shippers who select such service can pool their gas receipts at a theoretical pooling point. It is stated that in this region, the pooling point is designated as the Refugio Pooling Point. Koch Gateway further states that there is currently no transportation fee charged for transporting natural gas through transmission facilities from receipt points to the related pooling point; however, there is a gathering fee charged for receipt volumes moved through gathering facilities. Koch Gateway states that after the sale of the Bruni System, this service will still be available on its system. It is stated that shippers will be able to pool receipt volumes from the northeast terminus of Index 50 to the Refugio Pooling Point. Koch Gateway explains that shippers selecting this service after the sale of the Bruni System will pay a gathering and/or transportation fee to MidCoast and, if they so choose, can still pool to the

Refugio Pooling Point for no additional transportation fee on Koch Gateway.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 12, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory, 888 First street, NE, 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 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 Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Koch Gateway to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-117-000]

#### Questar Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

December 22, 1998.

Take notice that on December 15, 1998, Questar Pipeline Company (Questar, 180 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, filed a request with