

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

To All Interested Parties:

Pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 1001, Williams Communications, Inc. (Williams) submitted an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the proposed project to install certain facilities of the Sentry Marysville Project in Sacramento, Yuba, and Butte Counties, California. The project is known as the Williams Communications Sentry Marysville Project (CPUC Application Number A.02-08-038).

Williams Communications is proposing to install short segments of fiber optic cable in Yuba, Butte, and Sacramento Counties, California. The project consists of six segments, only three of which would require new construction. The other three segments would use existing underutilized fiber optic cable. The three segments are: (1) Ostrom segment (Yuba County), along Ostrom Road with a small segment along South Beale Road; (2) Avondale segment (also Yuba County), along Avondale and Hammonton Roads for approximately 2,000 feet; and (3) Biggs segment (Butte County), under the Union Pacific Railroad near the intersection of Farris Road and Biggs Gridley Road, near the town of Biggs. All of the proposed alignments are across roadways, in already disturbed road shoulders, or in railroad rights-of-way.

Based on the information provided in the IS/MND, it has been determined that the proposed project would not have any significant effects on the environment.

Documents Available for Review:

Environmental documents and notices published by the CPUC related to this project, as well as those prepared by Williams Communications, may be reviewed at the following locations:

California Public Utilities Commission
Attn: Central Files
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 703-2045

Yuba County Library
Attn: Reference Librarian
303 2nd Street
Marysville, CA 95901
(530) 749-7380

Biggs Branch Library
Attn: Reference Librarian
464A B Street
Biggs, CA 95914
(530) 868-5724

Butte County Library
Attn: Reference Librarian
1820 Mitchell Avenue
Oroville, CA 95966-5387
(530) 538-7642

Sacramento Public Library
Attn: Reference Librarian
828 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-2589
(916) 264-2770

Sutter County Library
Attn: Reference Librarian
750 Forbes Avenue
Yuba City, CA 95991-3891
(530) 822-7137

Electronic access to the Mitigated Negative Declaration and other project information or copies of reports is available on the CPUC web site at:

www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/aspen/Williams_Marysville/williamsmarysville.htm

For information about the CPUC's IS/MND process or if you have questions, you may call us at (916) 646-3869 or e-mail us at williamsmarysville@aspeneq.com.

Public Review Period:

Written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration may be sent via U.S. mail, e-mail, or fax no later than **February 4, 2003**. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number with your comment. The addresses for e-mail, fax, or U.S. mail comments are as follows:

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