

On May 9, two committees will meet in open session from 3:00–5:00 p.m. Subject Area Committee #1 will meet to review the status of the 1998 NAEP Civics Item Development work, and will review and discuss a draft framework development policy. The Design and Methodology Committee will meet to hear an update on the Design/Feasibility Team, and discuss the NAEP/State linking project, and the NAEP validity studies. Also, on May 9, the Executive Committee will meet in closed session from 5:00–5:45 p.m. The Committee will meet to discuss the development of cost estimates for NAEP and future contract initiatives. Public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C. Beginning at 5:45 p.m., until adjournment, 7:00 p.m., the Executive Committee will meet in open session to consider the selection of subjects for the next framework development.

On May 10, the full Board will convene in open session at 8:30 a.m. The agenda for this session of the full Board meeting includes approval of the agenda, the Executive Director's Report, and an update on the NAEP project. Between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., there will be open meetings of the following subcommittees: Subject Area Committee #1, and Reporting and Dissemination. Subject Area Committee #1 will review the draft 1998 NAEP Writing Specifications, prior to Board action on May 11, and will review and discuss a draft framework development policy. Agenda items for the Reporting and Dissemination Committee include consideration of reporting schedules for 1994 and 1996 NAEP examinations; catalogue of NAEP publications; and market basket approach to NAEP reporting.

Also, on May 1, the Achievement Levels Committee will meet in closed session between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to discuss the results of the pilot test for the science assessment. The discussions will include references to specific items for the assessment, the disclosure of which might significantly frustrate implementation of the NAEP. This meeting must be closed to the public because reference may be made to data which may be misinterpreted, incorrect, or incomplete. Premature disclosure of this data might significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters

are protected by exemption 9(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The full Board will reconvene, in closed session, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. During this session the Board will hear a briefing on the 1994 Transcript Study. The discussions will include references to specific items from the assessment, the disclosure of which might significantly frustrate implementation of the NAEP. This meeting must be closed to the public because reference may be made to data which may be misinterpreted, incorrect, or incomplete. Premature disclosure of this data might significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Beginning at 1:00 P.M., the full Board will convene in open session. Agenda items for this portion of the meeting include a briefing on National and International Standards given by a representative from the American Federation of Teachers; a presentation on the 1998 Writing Specifications given by representatives from American College Testing; and continued work on NAGB's planning initiative.

On May 11, beginning at 8:30 a.m. the full Board will reconvene in open session. Agenda items include a presentation on the Colorado State Assessment Program; a presentation on the development of an NAGB home-page on the Internet; and reports from the Board's standing subcommittees—Subject Area Committees #1 and #2, Achievement Levels, Reporting and Dissemination, Design and Methodology, and Executive. The meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board will be adjourned at approximately 12:00 Noon.

The public is being given less than fifteen days notice of this meeting because of the illness of key staff persons.

A summary of the activities of the closed and partially closed sessions and other related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b, will be available to the public within 14 days after the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: April 23, 1996.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Wapato Irrigation Fish Screening Project

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement.

SUMMARY: This notice announces BPA's proposal to construct a new fish screen and associated facilities in Yakima County, Washington, for the Wapato Irrigation Project. The action is being undertaken to increase anadromous fish runs and to compensate for fishery losses attributable to mainstem Columbia River hydropower facilities. The action proposed within the floodplain of Ahtanum Creek is to construct, operate, and maintain the new fish screen and a portion of a bypass pipe. A bridge for the access road to the site will also be moved and rebuilt along with a short portion of the existing access road. Wetlands may also be present on the site. In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR Part 1022), BPA will prepare a floodplain and wetlands assessment and will perform this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain and wetlands. After BPA issues the assessment, a floodplain statement of findings will be published in the Federal Register.

DATES: Comments are due to the address below no later than May 13, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Public Involvement Manager, Bonneville Power Administration—CKP, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon, 97212. Internet address: comment@bpa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne E. Boss—ECN, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208–3621, phone number 503–230–3596, fax number 503–230–5699.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The floodplain and wetlands involved are located in section 13, T12N, R16E.,

Willamette Meridian. Prior to completing the floodplain/wetlands assessment, BPA will identify any specific wetlands in the vicinity of the actions. The assessment will discuss the impacts to the floodplain and wetlands, the potential to avoid these areas, and identify alternatives.

Maps and further information are available from BPA at the address above.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on April 18, 1996.

Thomas C. McKinney,
NEPA Compliance Officer.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-330-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 22, 1996.

Take notice that on April 16, 1996, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia Gas), Post Office Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273, filed in Docket No. CP96-330-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate the facilities necessary to establish eight additional points of delivery to two existing customers, Waterville Oil and Gas Company and Mountaineer Gas Company, under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) 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.

Columbia Gas asserts that the proposed delivery points will establish eight new points of delivery for residential consumption for firm transportation service under Part 284 of the Commission's regulations and existing authorized Rate Schedules and within certificated entitlements. Columbia Gas estimates that the design day quantity at Waterville Oil and Gas Company will be 1.5 Dth and the annual quantity will be 200 Dth, the design day quantity at Mountaineer Gas Company will be 10.5 Dth and the annual quantity will be 1,050 Dth.

Columbia Gas estimates that the cost to install the new taps will be approximately \$150 per tap which will be treated as an O&M Expense.

Columbia Gas states that the quantities to be provided through the new delivery points will be within Columbia Gas' authorized level of services. Further, Columbia Gas asserts that there will be no impact on its existing design day and annual obligations to the customers as a result of the construction and operation of the new delivery points.

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 therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-321-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

April 22, 1996.

Take notice that on April 15, 1996, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), Post Office Box 1492, El Paso, Texas, 79978, filed an application at Docket No. CP96-321-000, pursuant to Section 7 (c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations. El Paso seeks a certificate of convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of additional compression facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

El Paso requests authorization to construct and operate additional compression facilities, with appurtenances, to be located at its existing Alamo Lake and Dutch Flat Compressor Stations on the Havasu Crossover Line and at its Wenden Compressor Station on the South System, all located in Mohave and La Paz Counties, Arizona (the Havasu Expansion Project).

El Paso says that the Havasu Expansion Project has been designed to

enable El Paso to transport additional quantities of gas of about 180,000 Mcf per day from its North System to its South System on the Havasu Crossover Line. The estimated cost of the Havasu Expansion Project is \$19,564,419. El Paso plans to place the proposed facilities in service by the second quarter of 1997, therefore it respectfully requests that the requisite authorization be issued no later than December 31, 1996.

El Paso says that the proposed additional 180,000 Mcf per day of capacity on the Havasu Crossover Line is dedicated to certain executed firm Transportation Service Agreements (TSA) between El Paso and various shippers, which El Paso has filed as privileged and confidential information under Section 388.112 of the Commission's Regulations. These TSAs are subject to the provisions of Rate Schedule FT-1 contained in El Paso's Volume No. 1-A FERC Gas Tariff (tariff) and the applicable rates under Rate Schedule FT-1. Additionally, El Paso says that it has calculated a separate incremental reservation rate attributable to the cost of service of the proposed Havasu Expansion Project which is proposed to become a component of the total Rate Schedule FT-1 Reservation Charges.

El Paso further says that the incremental reservation rate for the Havasu Expansion Project is proposed to be \$3.16616 per dth on a monthly basis and is referred to as the "Havasu Facilities Reservation Charge." The Havasu Facilities Reservation Charge will be used to compensate El Paso for the cost of service for the new facilities while any remaining charges will be subject to the crediting provisions of Section 25.3 of its tariff proposed in El Paso's Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement of Rate and Related Proceedings filed March 15, 1996, at Docket Nos. RP95-363-000, RP95-363-002, and CP94-183-000.

The TSAs executed with the shippers for service on the proposed Havasu Expansion Project contain provisions for payment to El Paso of the new reservation rate component that will be charged in conjunction with the otherwise applicable Reservation Charges and reservation surcharges under Rate Schedule FT-1. The Monthly Reservation Charges for each shipper will be allocated first to the Havasu Facilities Reservation Charge, and any remaining amount to the otherwise applicable charges above.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should, on or before May 13, 1996, file with the Federal Energy