

methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-638-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

July 17, 1996.

Take notice that on July 12, 1996, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), a Delaware corporation, having its principal place of business at 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., Charleston, West Virginia 25314-1599, filed an abbreviated application pursuant to Sections 7 (b) and (c) of the Natural Gas Act, for the construction and operation of approximately 5.2 miles of 24-inch pipeline and appurtenances replacing by abandonment 5.1 miles of 20-inch transmission pipeline and appurtenances. The facilities being replaced and abandoned are designated as a segment of Columbia's Line KA, located in Wyoming County, West Virginia.

The proposed construction is estimated to cost \$7,049,000 and the cost of retirement is estimated to be \$660,000. The associated estimated net debit to accumulated provision for depreciation for the abandoned facilities is \$900,229.

Columbia states that section of Line KA to be replaced was originally constructed in 1931 as bare 20-inch coupled pipeline and is part of Columbia's larger KA pipeline system. Due to its age and condition, this section of pipeline has become physically deteriorated to the extent that replacement is required in order to maintain service to Columbia's existing customers at current levels. Inspection of the facilities has confirmed evidence of extensive corrosion and deterioration to the extent that replacement is necessary to ensure safe and reliable operation.

The KA system was originally authorized in Docket No. G-284 (3 FPC 941) as part of United Fuel Gas

Company's existing transmission system. United Fuel Gas Company was a predecessor company of Columbia.

Columbia states that the proposed replacement will result in additional capacity of approximately 9 Mdt/d which is included in Columbia's Base Case Flow Diagrams for its Market Expansion Project pending with the Commission in Docket No. CP96-213-000, et al.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before August 2, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceedings. 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 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 a grant of the certificate is 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 Columbia to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-253-002]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Compliance Filing

July 17, 1996.

Take notice that on July 11, 1996, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 20 to become effective July 1, 1996.

Natural states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's order issued July 5, 1996 in Docket Nos. RP96-253-000 and RP96-253-001.

Natural requests whatever waivers may be necessary to permit the tariff sheet submitted to become effective on July 1, 1996.

Natural states that copies of the filing are being mailed Natural's jurisdictional customers, interested state regulatory agencies and all parties on the official service list in Docket Nos. RP96-253-000 and RP96-253-001.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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 proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-260-001]

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

July 17, 1996.

Take notice that on July 12, 1996, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to its filing, to become effective July 1, 1996. Panhandle asserts that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's order dated June 27, 1996 in Docket No. RP96-260-000.

Panhandle states that this filing removes interest calculated prior to May

31, 1996, the filing date, from the total amount of the Miscellaneous Stranded Costs to be recovered and recalculates the levelized interest component pursuant to Section 18.14 of Panhandle's General Terms and Conditions. The revised Second Miscellaneous Stranded Cost results in no change in the surcharge applicable to Rate Schedules FT, EFT, SCT and LFT, and a decrease in the volumetric surcharge applicable to Rates Schedules IT and EIT from 0.11¢ to 0.10¢.

Panhandle states that copies of this filing are being served on all affected customers, applicable state regulatory agencies and parties to this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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 proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-311-000]

Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

July 17, 1996.

Take notice that on July 12, 1996 Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective August 12, 1996:

Third Revised Sheet No. 250A
Second Revised Sheet No. 250B

WNG states that this filing is being made pursuant to Subpart C of part 154 of the Commission's regulations.

WNG states that this filing is being made to specify another path in Article 13.3 on which WNG will assess a zero charge for the fuel component of its fuel and loss reimbursement percentage. Transportation from the specified receipt point to the specified delivery point on this second path constitutes a backhaul.

WNG states that a copy of its filing was served on all jurisdictional

customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should 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 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Project No. 11374-001 Iowa]

Butler County Conservation Board; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

July 17, 1996.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for exemption from licensing for the proposed Greene Milldam Hydroelectric Project, located on the Shell Rock River, Butler County, Iowa, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. In the DEA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the project and has concluded that approval of the project, with appropriate mitigation measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Please submit any comments within 30 days from the date of this notice. Comments should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Please affix Project No. 11374 to all comments. For further information please contact Mary Golato, Environmental Coordinator, at (202) 219-2804.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket Nos. CP96-52-000; CP96-134-000]

Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Pine Needle LNG Project

July 17, 1996.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the liquefied natural gas (LNG) production and storage project proposed in the above-referenced dockets.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental affects of the construction and operation of Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC's (Pine Needle) proposed LNG plant and related facilities in Stokesdale, North Carolina, including:

- Two double-wall, suspended-deck LNG storage tanks, each with a gas-equivalent capacity of 2 billion cubic feet;
- A pretreatment and liquefaction system with the capacity of 20 million cubic feet per day (MMcfd);
- A boiloff recompression system;
- A vaporization and sendout system with the capacity of 400 MMcfd;
- About 1.0 mile of 10-inch-diameter inlet pipeline;
- About 1.0 mile of 24-inch-diameter outlet pipeline; and
- An earthen dam and firewater pond.

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation proposes to construct and operate five taps on its mainline natural gas transmission system to connect with Pine Needle's inlet and outlet pipelines.

The purpose of the project is to provide winter peak heating service to Pine Needle's subscribers in the rapidly developing North Carolina region by the 1999-2000 winter heating season.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of