

**7. Commonwealth Edison Company**

[Docket No. ER02-431-000]

Take notice that on November 30, 2001 Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) submitted for filing an amended Form of Service Agreement for Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service (Amended Service Agreement) between ComEd and Alliant Energy (Alliant Energy) under the terms of ComEd's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT). Copies of this filing were served on Alliant.

ComEd requests an effective date of November 1, 2001, and accordingly seeks waiver of the Commission's notice requirements.

*Comment date:* December 21, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**8. Progress Energy, Inc. on Behalf of Florida Power Corporation**

[Docket No. ER02-432-000]

Take notice that on November 30, 2001, Florida Power Corporation (FPC) filed a Service Agreement with Carolina Power & Light Company under FPC's Short-Form Market-Based Wholesale Power Sales Tariff (SM-1), FERC Electric Tariff No. 10. A copy of this filing was served upon the Florida Public Service Commission and the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

FPC is requesting an effective date of November 8, 2001 for this Agreement.

*Comment date:* December 21, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**9. Portland General Electric Company**

[Docket No. ER02-433-000]

Take notice that on November 30, 2001, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) revised tariff sheets to its Open Access Transmission Tariff. The revised sheets are intended to: (1) Reduce PGE's rates for transmission service to reflect the refunctionalization of PGE's facilities; and (2) update PGE's cost-based rates for ancillary services.

PGE requests that the Commission make the transmission rate reductions effective as of November 1, 2001 and the ancillary services rates effective as of February 1, 2002.

*Comment date:* December 21, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**Standard Paragraph**

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC

20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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. 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. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Project No. 2474-004 New York]****Erie Boulevard Hydropower L.P.; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment**

December 6, 2001.

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 Energy Projects, Division of Environmental and Engineering Review, reviewed the application for relicensing of the Oswego River Hydroelectric Project, located on the Oswego River in Oswego County, New York.

On November 24, 1999, the Commission staff issued a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project and requested that any comments be filed within 45 days (later extended to January 31, 2000). Comments were filed by five entities and are addressed in the final EA for the project.

In the final EA, the Commission's staff analyze the potential environmental impacts of the existing project and conclude that approval of the project, with appropriate environmental

protection measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the final EA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The final EA may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (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. CP01-439-000]****Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Delaware Valley Energy Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Site Visit**

December 6, 2001.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Delaware Valley Energy Expansion Project involving the abandonment, construction and operation of facilities by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) in Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania and Gloucester County New Jersey.<sup>1</sup> The facilities being abandoned consist of 9.14 miles of 10- and 14-inch-diameter pipeline. The replacement and new facilities consist of 23.86 miles of 20- and 24-inch-diameter pipeline, addition of compression at two existing compressor stations, valves, and a meter station. The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline

<sup>1</sup> Columbia's application was filed with the Commission on August 31, 2001, under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Columbia provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)).

### Summary of the Proposed Project

Columbia is proposing the Delaware Valley Energy Expansion Project to expand its existing system in Pennsylvania and New Jersey to provide firm transportation to the new Mantua Creek Power Plant being constructed in Gloucester County, New Jersey. This project would allow Columbia to deliver 165,000 Dekatherms per day of gas to the power plant.

In Pennsylvania, Columbia proposes to:

- abandon and replace the existing 10-inch-diameter Line 1856 in Chester County with a 20-inch-diameter pipeline beginning at Columbia's Downingtown Compressor Station, and extending about 8.84 miles to its terminus at Columbia's Eagle Compressor Station;

- abandon and replace the existing 14-inch-diameter Line 1556 in Chester County with a 24-inch-diameter pipeline beginning at Columbia's Eagle Compressor Station, and extending about 0.30 mile to the west;

- construct a 20-inch-diameter pipeline loop<sup>2</sup> along Columbia's existing Line 10345 referred to as Line 10360 (PA) for 5.10 miles beginning near Heyburn Road in Delaware County and extending to its terminus at Laurel Pipe Line Company's Buckeye Tank Farm;

- install an additional 6,000-horsepower single electric driven compressor unit in an extension to a new building to be constructed (under Docket No. CP01-260-000) on the site of its existing Eagle Compressor Station in Chester County; and

- install an additional 6,000-horsepower single electric driven compressor unit in an extension to an existing building on the site of its existing Downingtown Compressor Station in Chester County.

- In New Jersey, Columbia would:
  - construct Line 10360 (NJ) in Gloucester County consisting of a 20-inch-diameter pipeline that loops Columbia's existing Line 10345, beginning at Columbia's existing launcher/receiver lot along Route 130 in Logan Township and extending about 7.52 miles to its terminus at Columbia's Swedesboro Measuring and Regulating (M&R) Station;
  - construct Line 10359 consisting of 20-inch-diameter pipeline in Gloucester County beginning at Columbia's West Deptford Meter Station which extends about 2.10 miles to its terminus at the Mantua Creek Power Plant site; and
  - construct an M & R station at the terminus of Line 10359 within the power plant site.

### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of Columbia's proposed facilities would require about 281 acres of land, including construction right-of-way for the new pipeline, loops, valves, compressors, and the meter station; and extra work areas needed for pipe storage yards, staging areas, and warehouse sites. The loops would be constructed adjacent to Columbia's existing rights-of-way. For the construction of the pipelines, Columbia proposes to use a 20- to 95-foot-wide construction right-of-way. The construction right-of-way in most areas would overlap Columbia's existing permanent right-of-way or other permanent highway, railroad, natural gas transportation and electric right-of-ways from between 15 feet to 75 feet. Columbia indicates that about 161 acres would be maintained as new permanent right-of-way.

The compressors would be installed within Columbia's existing compressor stations, and would not require the clearing of additional land.

Construction access to Columbia's project generally would be via the construction right-of-way and existing road network. Columbia has identified 23 existing access roads necessary for the construction of its project and would construct 2 additional access roads requiring a total of 0.29 acre of disturbance.

### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us<sup>3</sup> to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- Water resources and wetlands
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Threatened and endangered species
- Cultural resources
- Land use
- Reliability and safety
- Air quality and noise

We will evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

### Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Columbia. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

<sup>2</sup> A loop is a segment of pipeline that is installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it on both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the pipeline system.

<sup>3</sup> "We", "us", and "our", refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

**Water Resources and Wetlands**

- Crossing 16 perennial waterbodies.
- Crossing 44 wetlands, including 3.3 acres of forested wetlands.

**Vegetation**

- About 21.5 acres of forest to be cleared.

**Federally-Listed Threatened and Endangered Species**

- Potential impact on the bald eagle.

**Land Use**

- Impact on 107 residences located within 50 feet of the construction work area.

**Public Participation and Site Visit**

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations or routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Linwood A. Watson, Jr., Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas 1, PJ-11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP01-439-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 7, 2002.

Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account".

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Information Request (appendix 2).<sup>4</sup> If

you do not return the Information Request, you will be removed from the environmental mailing list.

On December 18 and 19, 2001, the Office of Energy Projects staff will conduct a precertification site visit of the project route and possible reroutes. All parties may attend. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation. On December 18, 2001, we will be meeting at the Columbia Gas Office at 525 Highlands Blvd., Suite 100, Coatesville, PA at 8:00 am. On December 19, 2001, we will be meeting at the Logan Generating Station entrance on U.S. Route 130 about 1.5 miles south of U.S. Route 322 at 8:00 am.

For further information on attending the site visit, please contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-0004.

**Becoming an Intervenor**

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 1). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders,

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notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket#" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[OPP-00749; FRL-6810-8]

**Section 29 Annual Report on Conditional Registrations; Renewal of Pesticide Information Collection Activities and Request for Comments**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) this notice announces that EPA is seeking public comment on the following Information Collection Request (ICR): "Section 29 Annual Report on Conditional Registrations" (EPA ICR No. 0601.07, OMB No. 2070-0026). This is a request to renew an existing ICR that is currently approved and due to expire August 31, 2002. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection activity and its expected burden and costs. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval under the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection.

**DATES:** Written comments, identified by the docket control number OPP-00749, must be received on or before February 11, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number OPP-00749 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Nancy Vogel, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-6475; fax number: (703) 305-5884; e-mail address: [vogel.nancy@epa.gov](mailto:vogel.nancy@epa.gov).

<sup>4</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available on the Commission's website at the "RIMS" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. For instructions on connecting to RIMS refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of