

and reporting requirements described in this document and the IHA are undertaken.

Dated: August 11, 2005.

James H. Lecky,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice; Meeting of the Independent Review Panel To Study the Relationships Between Military Department General Counsels and Judge Advocates General—Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 96-463, notice is hereby given that the Independent Review Panel to Study the Relationships between Military Department General Counsels and Judge Advocates General will hold an open meeting at the Hilton Crystal City, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202, on August 29, 2005, if needed, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

DATES: August 29, 2005: 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hilton Crystal City, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting may contact: Mr. James R. Schwenk, Designated Federal Official, Department of Defense Office of the General Counsel, 1600 Defense Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia 20301-1600, Telephone: (703) 697-9343, Fax: (703) 693-7616, schwenkj@dodgc.osd.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Panel will meet on August 29, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., if needed, to conduct deliberations concerning the relationships between the legal elements of their respective Military Departments. These sessions will be open to the public, subject to the availability of space. The Panel has held eight public hearings and has provided the public opportunities to address the Panel both in person and in writing. The Panel has also deliberated in several sessions open to the public, including deliberations on an initial draft of a final report prepared by the Panel's staff. The Panel must complete its report during August so that Congress may consider it

during this legislative session as envisioned in section 574 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005. Due to this exceptional circumstance, the Panel decided to hold its final deliberation session, if needed, open to the public, on August 29. This decision, based on that exceptional circumstance, was made on August 12, thus making it impossible for the Department to provide the 15 calendar days notice normally required for Panel meetings. On August 12, the Panel completed deliberations necessary for the staff to prepare a final report. If, after reviewing the final report prepared by the staff, any member of the Panel believes that additional deliberations are necessary, the meeting on August 29 will occur. If all Panel members believe that the final report prepared by the staff properly addresses all issues and no additional deliberations are necessary, there will not be a meeting on August 29. Please call the Designated Federal Official at the number listed below for additional information including whether the meeting scheduled for August 29 will be held.

Dated: August 16, 2005.

Jeannette Owings-Ballard,

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP05-402-000]

Columbia Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Petition

August 12, 2005.

Take notice that on August 9, 2005, Columbia Gas Storage, 20333 State Highway 249, Suite 400, Houston, TX 77070, filed a petition for Exemption of Temporary Acts and Operations from Certificate Requirements, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(5) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.207(a)(5)), and section 7(c)(1)(B) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717(c)(1)(B)), seeking approval of an exemption from certificate requirements to perform temporary activities related to drilling a test well and performing other activities to assess the feasibility of developing an underground natural gas storage facility in Benton County, Washington, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public

inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding the petition should be directed to Joseph H. Fagan, Heller Ehrman LLP, 1717 Rhode Island Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20036-3001 and Phone: 202-912-2162; Fax 202-912-2020.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project, or in support of or in opposition to this project, should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the applicant. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. eastern time on August 22, 2005.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2601]

Duke Power, a Division of Duke Energy Corporation Nantahala Area; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

August 12, 2005.

On July 22, 2003, Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Area, licensee for the Bryson Project No. 2601, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 2601 is located on the Oconaluftee River in Swain County, North Carolina.

The license for Project No. 2601 was issued for a period ending July 31, 2005. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a

license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2601 is issued to Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Area for a period effective August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before August 1, 2006, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Area is authorized to continue operation of the Bryson Project No. 2601 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2603]

Duke Power, a Division of Duke Energy Corporation Nantahala Area; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

August 12, 2005.

On July 22, 2003, Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Area, licensee for the Franklin Project No. 2603, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations. Project No. 2603 is located on the Little Tennessee River in Macon County, North Carolina.

The license for Project No. 2603 was issued for a period ending July 31, 2005. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable

section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2603 is issued to Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Area for a period effective August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before August 1, 2006, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation, Nantahala Area is authorized to continue operation of the Franklin Project No. 2603 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2619]

Duke Power, a Division of Duke Energy Corporation Nantahala Area; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

August 12, 2005.

On July 22, 2003, Duke Power, a division of Duke Energy Corporation,