

who engage in practices prohibited by the PACA may have their licenses suspended or revoked.

The information collected from respondents is used to administer licensing provisions under the PACA. The records maintained are used to adjudicate reparation and administrative complaints filed against licensees to determine the imposition of sanctions on firms and responsibly connected individuals who have engaged in unfair trading practices. We estimate the paperwork and time burden as follows:

*Form FV-211 Application for License:* average of 15 minutes per application per response.

*Form FV-231 Application for Renewal of License:* average of 5 minutes per application per response.

*Regulations Section 46.13—Letters to Notify USDA of Changes in Business Operations:* average of 5 minutes per notice per response.

*Regulations Section 46.20—Records Reflecting Lot Numbers:* average of 8.25 hours with approximately 1,000 record keepers.

*Regulations Section 46.46(d)(2)—Waiver of Rights to Trust Protection:* average of 15 minutes per notice with approximately 100 principals.

*Regulations Sections 46.46(f) and 46.2(aa)(11)—Copy of Written Agreement Reflecting Times for Payment:* average of 20 hours with approximately 2,000 record keepers.

*Estimate of Burden:* The total public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response.

*Respondents:* commission merchants, dealers, and brokers engaged in the business of buying, selling, or negotiating the purchase or sale of fresh and/or frozen fruits and vegetables in interstate or foreign commerce are required to be licensed under the PACA (7 U.S.C. 499(c)(a)).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15,550

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 49,448 hours

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Michael A. Clancy, Head, License and Program Review Section, PACA Branch, at (202) 720-2814.

Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection for information to:

Michael A. Clancy, Head, License and Program Review Section, PACA Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2715—South Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 26, 1995.  
Kenneth C. Clayton,  
*Acting Administrator.*  
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## Food and Consumer Service

### Collection Requirements Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations: Study of Direct Certification

**AGENCY:** Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Consumer Service's (FCS) intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review of the Study of Direct Certification.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by March 4, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are invited on:  
(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;  
(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;  
(c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and  
(d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Michael E. Fishman, Acting Director, Office of Analysis and Evaluation, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael E. Fishman, (703) 305-2117.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Study of Direct Certification.  
*OMB Number:* Not yet assigned.  
*Expiration Date:* N/A.

*Type of Request:* New collection of information.

*Abstract:* Direct certification is a simplified method used to certify National School Lunch Program (NSLP) eligibility for children who reside in households which participate in the Food Stamp Program (FSP) or in Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). This study will estimate the costs and administrative savings of using direct certification as an alternate means of approving automatically eligible children for free school meals under the terms and conditions of Section 9(b)(6) of the National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(6). It will also assess the affect that direct certification has on the certification and participation rates of children eligible for free meals; provide descriptive information on the use of direct certification; and identify factors that contribute to a successful direct certification program.

The study's data collection component is comprised of five telephone-interview surveys: (1) interviews with all the state NSLP agencies in the contiguous forty-eight states to ascertain the status of direct certification in each state; (2) screening interviews with 1,000 randomly chosen school food authorities (SFAs) to determine if they use direct certification; (3) interviews with the SFAs identified as utilizing direct certification; (4) interviews with 150 schools, randomly selected from schools in the direct certification SFAs, on their experiences with direct certification; and (5) interviews with a purposively selected sample of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children/Food Stamp (AFDC/FS) offices that work with the direct certification SFAs on their experiences with direct certification. All survey respondents will be administered one data collection instrument, except the SFAs using direct certification. They will be administered two.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 50 minutes for the NSLP state agencies, 20 minutes for the SFAs in the screening interview, 120 minutes for the direct certification SFAs, 120 minutes for the direct certification schools, and 30 minutes for the AFDC/FS offices.

*Respondents:* For each survey, the entity providing the data will be asked to have the individual most knowledgeable of direct certification

operations serve as the interview respondent.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** There will be 48 respondents for the NSLP state agency survey, about 1,000 for the SFA screening survey, an estimated 150 for the direct certification SFA survey, about 150 for the direct certification school survey, and about 25 for the AFDC/FS office survey.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** One, except for the direct certification SFAs, for which it will be two.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 986 hours. Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Matthew Sinn, Office of Analysis and Evaluation, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Dated: December 19, 1995.  
William E. Ludwig,  
*Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.*  
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## Foreign Agricultural Service

### Briefing on Status of Preparations for the World Food Summit

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting to inform interested parties on the outcome of the January meeting of the Food and Agriculture Organization's Committee on World Food Security (CFS). The primary item on the agenda for the CFS is review of the draft policy statement and plan of action for the World Food Summit. The Summit is scheduled to be convened in Rome, Italy, in November, 1996.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Wednesday, February 7, 1996 from 2-4 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 3107S South Building, 14th and Independence Aves., SW., in Washington, DC.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The minutes of the meeting announced in this notice shall be available for review. The meeting is open to the public and members of the public may provide comments in writing to Buzz Guroff, National Secretary for the World Food Summit, Foreign Agricultural Service, Room 3008 South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Aves., SW., Washington, DC 20250.

Signed at Washington, DC, December 26, 1995.  
August Schumacher, Jr.,  
*Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-106-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation and Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

December 27, 1995.

Take notice that on December 15, 1995, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., Charleston, West Virginia 25314-1599, and Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation, 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, jointly filed in Docket No. CP96-106-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Regulations for permission and approval to abandon transportation and exchange services, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The transportation and exchange services for which abandonment is sought, were authorized by the Commission in separate orders issued August 8, 1978 (Docket No. CP78-162, 4 FERC ¶ 61,123 [1978]) and March 21, 1979 (Docket No. CP79-86, 6 FERC ¶ 61,247 [1979]), and involve services made pursuant to Texas Eastern Rate Schedule Nos. X-92 and X-95 and Columbia Rate Schedule No. X-82.

Columbia and Texas Eastern state that service under Rate Schedule Nos. X-82 and X-92 last occurred in 1983, while service under Rate Schedule No. X-95 was last performed prior to 1985.

Columbia and Texas Eastern also state that the contracts underlying the transportation and exchange services were terminated in an order issued September 13, 1993 by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware in Case Nos. 91-803 and 91-804.

Columbia and Texas Eastern submit that the proposed abandonment is required by the present and future public convenience and necessity, as it will eliminate transportation services no longer needed and will permit these

companies to cancel their corresponding rate schedules in Volume No. II of their FERC Gas Tariff.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 17, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426) a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211) 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 proceeding. 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 the 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 review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 or Texas Eastern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,  
*Secretary.*

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#### NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

December 27, 1995.

Take notice that on December 21, 1995, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT), 1600 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed a request