

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP98-360-000]****Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application**

April 23, 1998.

Take notice that on April 16, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fairlakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, filed in Docket No. CP98-360-000 an application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for authorization to abandon certain pipeline facilities and to construct and operate other pipeline facilities to replace those being abandoned in Hocking County, Ohio, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia proposes to abandon by removal approximately 2.3 miles of 12-, 10-, 8- and 6-inch storage pipeline and appurtenances, which comprise Columbia's Line SR-553. Columbia proposes to construct and operate approximately 2.3 miles of 10- and 4-inch pipeline and appurtenances to replace the facilities being abandoned. It is stated that Line SR-553 is a major line in Columbia's Laurel Storage Field and that the existing facilities were installed in 1951 and have deteriorated to the point where replacement facilities are required to ensure the integrity of the system.

Columbia asserts that it does not propose any new or additional service as a result of the pipeline replacement. Columbia further asserts that the proposal would not result in any abandonment of service to existing customers. The construction cost is estimated at \$1,094,200, which would be generated from internal sources.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before May 14, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 385.214 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 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 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.

David P. Boergers,*Acting Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 98-11305 Filed 4-28-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. OA96-56-002]****Duquesne Light Company; Notice of Filing**

April 20, 1998.

Take notice that on March 30, 1998, Duquesne Light Company tendered for filing its compliance filing in the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before May 1, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine 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.

David P. Boergers,*Acting Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 98-11298 Filed 4-28-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP98-359-000]****El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

April 23, 1998.

Take notice that on April 16, 1998, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), P.O. Box 1492, El Paso, Texas 79978, filed in Docket No. CP98-359-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to construct and operate a new delivery point located in Cochise County, Arizona, to permit the interruptible transportation and delivery of natural gas to Mexicana de Cobre, S.A. de C.V. (Mexcobre), near the International Boundary between the United States and Mexico near the town of Douglas, Arizona, under El Paso's blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP82-435-000 and CP88-433-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

El Paso states that Mexcobre currently operates a copper mine in Nacozari, Sonora, Mexico, located approximately 65 miles south of the town of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, and the International Boundary between the United States and Mexico. El Paso further states that Mexcobre has been using high sulfur residual oil as fuel for its mining of copper, but that it now desires to use clean burning natural gas as a fuel for its mining process.

Further, El Paso states that in support of Mexcobre's decision to use natural gas as fuel for its mining operations, Mexcobre has requested that El Paso provide transportation service for Mexcobre and, therefor, El Paso and Mexcobre have entered into an interruptible Transportation Service Agreement dated March 17, 1998. The proposed quantity of natural gas to be transported on an interruptible basis to the proposed delivery point is estimated to be an average of 24 MMcf per day.

El Paso also states that in order to facilitate Mexcobre's request for natural gas service, El Paso and Mexcobre agreed, by Letter Agreement dated March 17, 1998, that El Paso would: (i) install a 12-inch tap and valve assembly on Line No. 1004; and (ii) cause the construction of, on El Paso's behalf, a dual 8-inch meter station (Mexcobre-Douglas Delivery Point) and approximately 1.15 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline (Mexicana de Cobre Lateral Line) extending from the proposed delivery point to the International Boundary between the United States and Mexico in Cochise County, Arizona.

El Paso states that by this application, it is seeking authorization for the construction and operation of the proposed Mexcobre-Douglas Delivery Point; and that as for the Mexicana de Cobre Lateral Line, El Paso states that it will construct and operate this line under Section 157.208(a) of the Commission's Regulations.

El Paso states that concurrently, it is filing an application, pursuant to Section 3 of the NGA and Subparts B and C of Part 153 of the Commission's Regulations Under the NGA, for Section 3 authorization and a Presidential Permit regarding the proposed pipeline facilities at the International Boundary between the United States and Mexico.

El Paso also states that construction and operation of the proposed Mexcobre-Douglas Delivery Point is not prohibited by El Paso's existing Volume No. 1-A Tariff, and that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish the deliveries of the requested gas volumes without detriment or disadvantage to El Paso's other customers.

El Paso states the total estimated cost of the proposed Mexcobre-Douglas Delivery Point is \$266,300, and that the estimated cost of the Mexicana de Cobre Lateral Line is \$338,300. El Paso indicates that Mexcobre has agreed, pursuant to the March 17, 1998 Letter Agreement, to reimburse El Paso for all actual costs related to construction of the proposed Mexcobre-Douglas Delivery Point and the Mexicana de Cobre Lateral Line.

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 therefore,

the proposed activity shall be deemed to be 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

[FR Doc. 98-11304 Filed 4-28-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT98-35-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

April 23, 1998.

Take notice that on April 17, 1998, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing a Master Replacement Agreement (MRA) between El Paso and Pemex Gas y Petroquímica Básica (Pemex) and Seventh Revised Sheet No. 1 to its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1-A.

El Paso states that it is submitting the MRA for Commission approval since the MRA contains payment provisions which differ from El Paso's Volume No. 1-A General Terms and Conditions. The MRA and the tariff sheet, which references the MRA, are proposed to become effective on May 18, 1998.

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, NE., Washington, DC 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

[FR Doc. 98-11306 Filed 4-28-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-358-000]

Gas Transport, Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 23, 1998.

Take notice that on April 16, 1998, Gas Transport, Inc. (GTI), P.O. Box 430, Lancaster, OH, 43130-0430, filed in Docket No. CP98-358-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.212, of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to construct and operate 7,348 feet of 12-inch pipe and one new delivery point under GTI's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP86-291-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

GTI proposes to construct and operate the facilities for the delivery of gas to Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope). This connection is designated on Line No. T-36 in Tygart District, Wood County, West Virginia. The quantity of gas to be delivered through the proposed facilities is estimated to be 5-8 MMBtu per day.

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 to be 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

[FR Doc. 98-11303 Filed 4-28-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M