

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: August 13, 1998.

Gary C. Matlock,

*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

Under Secretary for Technology; National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee; Determination for Closure of Meeting

The National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee has scheduled a meeting for August 25, 1998.

The Committee was established to assist the Department in executing its responsibilities under 15 U.S.C. 3711. Under this provision, the Secretary is responsible for recommending to the President prospective recipients of the National Medal of Technology. The committee's recommendations are made after reviewing all nominations received in response to a public solicitation. The Committee is chartered to have twelve members.

Time and Place: The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. on August 25, 1998. The meeting will be held in Room 4824 at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. For further information contact: Allison Rosenberg, Director, National Medal of Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 4226, Washington, DC 20230, Ph: (202-482-5572).

If a member of the public would like to submit written comments concerning the committee's affairs at any time before and after the meeting, written comments should be addressed to the Director of the National Medal of Technology as indicated above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be closed to discuss the relative merits of persons and companies nominated for the Medal. Public disclosure of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of the National Medal of Technology program because premature publicity about candidates under consideration for the Medal, who may or may not ultimately receive the award, would be likely to discourage nominations for the Medal.

Accordingly, I find and determine, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended, that the August 25, 1998, meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(9)(B) of Title 5, United States Code because revealing information about Medal candidates would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action.

Due to closure of the meeting, copies of the minutes of the meeting will not be available, however a copy of the Notice of Determination will be available for public inspection and copying in the office of Allison Rosenberg, Director, National Medal of Technology, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Herbert Hoover Building, Room 4226, Washington, DC 20230, (Ph: 202-482-5572).

Kelly H. Carnes,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Korea

August 13, 1998.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 19, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing, special swing, special shift, carryover, carryforward, carryforward

used and recrediting unused carryforward.

In accordance with the special swing provision contained in the exchange of notes dated April 2 and 8, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and Korea, 2,842,990 square meters equivalent is being charged to the 1998 Group II limit.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 62 FR 67833, published on December 30, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

August 13, 1998.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 22, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Korea and exported during the period beginning January 1, 1998 and extending through December 31, 1998.

Effective on August 19, 1998, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted limit ¹
Group I 200-223, 224-V ² , 224-O ³ , 225, 226, 227, 300- 326, 360-363, 369pt. ⁴ , 400- 414, 464, 469pt. ⁵ , 600- 629, 666, 669- P ⁶ , 669pt. ⁷ , and 670-O ⁸ , as a group.	382,368,721 square meters equivalent.
Sublevel within Group I 619/620	94,459,400 square meters.
Sublevels within Group II 336	69,035 dozen.
338/339	1,421,090 dozen.
340	813,305 dozen of which not more than 415,800 dozen shall be in Category 340- D ⁹ .
342/642	252,425 dozen.

Category	Adjusted limit ¹
347/348	590,225 dozen.
350	20,079 dozen.
435	39,282 dozen.
443	352,651 numbers.
633/634/635	1,439,681 dozen of which not more than 163,256 dozen shall be in Category 633 and not more than 608,408 dozen shall be in Category 635.
640-D ¹⁰	3,071,785 dozen.
647/648	1,235,782 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1997.

² Category 224-V: only HTS numbers 5801.21.0000, 5801.23.0000, 5801.24.0000, 5801.25.0010, 5801.25.0020, 5801.26.0010, 5801.26.0020, 5801.31.0000, 5801.33.0000, 5801.34.0000, 5801.35.0010, 5801.35.0020, 5801.36.0010 and 5801.36.0020.

³ Category 224-O: all remaining HTS numbers in Category 224.

⁴ Category 369pt.: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3016, 4202.92.6091, 6307.90.9905, (Category 369-L); 5601.10.1000, 5601.21.0090, 5701.90.1020, 5701.90.2020, 5702.10.9020, 5702.39.2010, 5702.49.1020, 5702.49.1080, 5702.59.1000, 5702.99.1010, 5702.99.1090, 5705.00.2020 and 6406.10.7700.

⁵ Category 469pt.: all HTS numbers except 5601.29.0020, 5603.94.1010 and 6406.10.9020.

⁶ Category 669-P: only HTS numbers 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000.

⁷ Category 669pt.: all HTS numbers except 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020, 6305.39.0000 (Category 669-P); 5601.10.2000, 5601.22.0090, 5607.49.3000, 5607.50.4000 and 6406.10.9040.

⁸ Category 670-O: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3031, 4202.92.9026 and 6307.90.9907 (Category 670-L).

⁹ Category 340-D: only HTS numbers 6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2025 and 6205.20.2030.

¹⁰ Category 640-D: only HTS numbers 6205.30.2010, 6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2030, 6205.30.2040, 6205.90.3030 and 6205.90.4030.

In accordance with exchange of notes dated April 2 and April 8, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and Korea, for products exported in 1998, you are directed to charge 2,842,990 square meters equivalent to the Group II limit.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-701-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

August 13, 1998.

Take notice that on July 30, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Applicant), P.O. Box 10146, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-0146, filed in Docket No. CP98-701-000 and abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and Section 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations thereunder, for permission and approval to construct certain natural gas facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Applicant specifically proposes to construct 0.05 mile of two-inch pipeline and appurtenances located on Schuyler County, New York to serve as by-pass for Applicant's Storage Line 9355. Applicant asserts that a by-pass pipeline such as the one proposed herein—the primary purpose of which is to ensure the integrity of service—is akin to an age and condition pipeline replacement and therefore qualifies for rolled-in rate treatment.

Any person desiring to be heard to make a protest with reference to said application should on or before September 3, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20426, a petition 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 the proceeding or participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a petition 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 on this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the

time required herein, and if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provide for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-710-000]

Williams Gas Central, Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

August 13, 1998.

Take notice that on August 11, 1998, Williams Gas Central, Inc. (Applicant), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74101, filed in Docket No. CP98-710-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212, 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212, and 157.216) for approval to replace facilities for the Kansas Gas Company, a division of ONEOK, in the same location in Atchinson County, Kansas, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and under the authorization issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Applicant proposes to replace the Shannon tap meter setting and appurtenant facilities with a larger meter setting and appurtenant facilities. Applicant states that the Shannon tap serves an industrial park and the peak day volume is expected to increase approximately 336 Dth per day with the addition of a new end user in the park. Applicant further states that the estimated cost of construction is approximately \$48,389, which will be reimbursed by Kansas Gas.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 45 days of the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214), a motion to intervene and pursuant to Section