

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP00-58-000]****Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application for Abandonment Authorization**

January 7, 2000.

Take notice that on December 22, 1999, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), a Delaware corporation, whose main office is located at 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146, filed in the referenced docket pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (the Commission) Regulations thereunder (18 CFR 157.7 and 157.18), an application for authority to abandon by sale to Columbia Natural Resources (CNR), the Cleveland Storage Field (Cleveland Storage) located in Randolph, Upshur and Webster Counties, West Virginia, and all as more fully set forth in the Application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222).

Specifically, Columbia proposes to abandon and sell to CNR its Cleveland Storage, consisting of 8.1 miles of storage pipeline, 9 active storage wells, 8 observation wells and ancillary facilities for \$525,000. CNR proposes to use the Cleveland Storage as a production facility.

Columbia is seeking to abandon Cleveland Storage after having observed a significant deterioration in the performance and geologic integrity of the reservoir. Columbia states that it will rely upon its retained storage capacity to offset the reduction in working gas capacity and deliverability associated with the abandonment, which is expected to have only a 0.01% effect on Columbia's overall 4.4 Bcf design day deliverability from Columbia's other active storage fields.

In addition, Columbia seeks authority to sell 830 MMcf of base gas that was previously withdrawn from Cleveland Storage between 1996 and 1999 during Columbia's integrity and performance assessment of the field. The disposition of proceeds from the proposed sale of this base gas will be made pursuant to Section C, of Article IV, of Stipulation II of the Settlement in Docket No. RP95-408, *Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.*, 79 FERC ¶ 61,044 (1997). Columbia states that this settlement defines future

additional sales of base gas no longer needed by Columbia as a result of more efficient operation of its storage fields. Columbia will comply with the annual reporting requirements provided for in Section D of Article IV.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 28, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 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 or 385-214) 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 protestants parties to the proceedings. 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 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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,***Acting Secretary.*

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**BILLING CODE 6717-01-M****DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. MT00-2-000]****Dauphin Island Gathering Partners; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

January 7, 2000.

Take notice that on December 20, 1999, Dauphin Island Gathering Partners (DIGP) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, First Revised Sheet No. 243, with an effective date of September 1, 1999.

DIGP states that the above listed tariff sheets is being filed to make the language in DIGP's tariff consistent with DIGP's Statement of Standards of Conduct filed on September 2, 1999, to reflect that DIGP has one marketing affiliate. DIGP also states that DIGP and its marketing affiliate function independently of each other. DIGP does not share any facilities or operating personnel with its marketing affiliate.

DIGP states that copies of the filing were served on all firm customers of DIGP and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest must 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 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests were due in accordance with 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. To become a party a person 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**  
**Secretary.**

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