

the Commission's Regulations for permission and approval to abandon by sale to Viking Energy, Incorporated, a West Virginia corporation, certain natural gas storage facilities (known as the Grapevine B Storage field) located in Kanawha County, West Virginia, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may be viewed at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Columbia states that the Grapevine B Storage Field consists of one storage well, approximately 0.09 mile of 4-inch well pipeline, approximately 0.8 mile of 4-inch storage pipeline, one measuring and regulating station, appurtenances, and storage field reservoir of 177 acres. Columbia states that the facilities were constructed by United Fuel Gas Company, a predecessor of Columbia, and certificated in Docket No. G-1202.¹ The field was designated as Storage Field X-53 in that order. Columbia states that its authorization to own and operate the Grapevine B Storage Field was granted by the Commission in Docket No CP71-132.² Columbia states that historically gas has been injected into Grapevine B utilizing high pressure gas received from Line SM-80; and, withdrawal volumes have been delivered into a low pressure transmission line without compression. Columbia states that due to changes in Columbia's customer obligations, the storage field can no longer operate without compression. Due to the "de minimus" nature of the facilities on Columbia's storage system (Grapevine B has historically averaged a total withdrawal of 30 MMcf during the heating season), the changes in market requirements, and the sources of supply in the area of the facilities, Columbia has determined that its current and future obligation can be met without the Grapevine B Storage field. Columbia states that therefore the capital expenditure required to install the necessary compression is not warranted.

Columbia states that it does not propose the abandonment of service to any customer as a result of the proposed sale. Columbia states that there are no mainline tap consumers on the facilities to be sold nor are there any firm or non-firm contracts currently utilizing the facilities.

Questions regarding the details of this proposed abandonment should be directed to Victoria J. Hamilton, Certificate Coordinator, Columbia Gas

Transmission Corporation, P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273, call (304) 357-2297.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this abandonment. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this abandonment should, on or before November 30, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 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.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this abandonment. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the abandonment provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this abandonment 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. 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.

Beginning November 1, 2000, comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying abandonment will be issued.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-28-000]

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

October 9, 2000.

Take notice that on November 3, 2000, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf), 2603 Augusta, Suite 125, Houston, Texas 77057-5637, filed in Docket No. CP01-28-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.208(b)(2), of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR Sections 157.205 and 157.208) under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct, own and operate a lateral line and related facilities to permit the delivery of natural gas to Entergy Mississippi, Inc. (EMI) and Warren Power, LLC (Warren) at EMI's existing Baxter Wilson, and to Warren's proposed Warren Power Plant, both in Warren County, Mississippi, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Columbia Gulf request authorization to construct and operate a delivery lateral, referred to as the Vicksburg Lateral, consisting of approximately 37 miles of 20-inch pipeline that will extend from Columbia Gulf's mainline system in Richland Parish, Louisiana to interconnections with EMI's existing Baxter Wilson Plant and with Warren's proposed Warren Power Plant. It is

¹ *United Fuel Gas Co.*, 8 FPC ¶ 945 (1949).

² *Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.*, 45FPC ¶ 398 (1971).

stated that the lateral will accommodate up to 285,000 dt per day, both in Warren County, Mississippi. Columbia Gulf estimates a construction cost of \$20,148,000, which would be financed through internally-generated funds. It is stated that Columbia Gulf will construct and operate two new points of delivery under the automatic authorization provisions of its Part 157, Subpart F blanket certificate. Columbia Gulf indicates that it will provide the requested firm transportation services under its Rate Schedule FTS-1 under agreements with a primary term of ten years and at negotiated rates.

Any questions regarding the application may be directed to Jacquelyne M. Rocan, Senior Attorney at (713) 267-4100.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the 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 Commission's regulations under the NGA (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 NGA. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER00-3251-000]

Exelon Generating Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Issuance of Order

November 9, 2000.

Exelon Generating Company, L.L.C. (Exelon) filed with the Commission a rate schedule under which Exelon will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates. In its filing, Exelon also requested certain waivers and authorizations. In

particular, Exelon requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by Exelon. On November 8, 2000, the Commission issued an Order Granting Market-Based Rate Authority, Accepting Tariffs, Service Agreement And Power Purchase Agreement, And Waiving Code of Conduct (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's November 8, 2000 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (C), (D), and (F):

(C) Within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by Exelon should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(D) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (C) above, Exelon is hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Exelon, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(F) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of Exelon's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities * * *.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is December 8, 2000.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-94-003]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

November 9, 2000.

Take notice that on November 3, 2000, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), 1400 Smith Street, P.O. Box 1188, Houston, Texas 77251-1188, filed in Docket No. CP99-94-003, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations, to amend its certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP99-94-000 and -001 on February 28, 2000, to modify certain facilities located in Hillsborough County, Florida, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

As part of the Phase IV Expansion FGT was authorized to construct the Tampa South Lateral Extension (5.62 miles of 4-inch line starting at the terminus of the existing Tampa South Lateral near mile post 16.5) and a measurement and regulation station, located at the end of the extension, to serve as a gas delivery point to National Gypsum Company (National Gypsum). By this amendment, FGT seeks authorization to: (1) Change the route of the Tampa South Lateral Extension by constructing approximately 6.18 miles of pipeline (starting at mile post 14.8 on the existing Tampa South Lateral); (2) change the pipe diameter by constructing the first 5.97 miles as 6-inch; and the last 0.21 miles as 8-inch pipeline; and (3) change the location of the regulation station to mile post 5.97 on the Tampa South Lateral Extension. The National Gypsum measurement station will not be relocated.

FGT explains that, as amended: (1) The new route for the Tampa South Lateral Extension will result in less of an impact to the environment; (2) the upsizing of the first 5.97 miles of pipeline to 6-inch diameter will accommodate future gas deliveries by FGT to Big Bend Transfer Company (Big Bend); and (3) relocating the construction of the regulation station to a site 0.21 miles upstream of the National Gypsum measurement station will, along with upsizing the last 0.21 miles of pipeline to 8-inch diameter, accomplish the reduction of delivery