

product in the RTO/ISO markets. And while the authorization provided in *Avista* would apply to frequency response, the restriction on sales to a public utility that is purchasing ancillary services to satisfy its own OATT requirements to offer ancillary services to its own customers effectively precludes development of a market for frequency response. These concerns along with the recently authorized reliability standard have created the need for Commission Staff to request input regarding existing regulatory and tariff provisions as well as potential market implications for frequency response service.

At the workshop, staff would like to discuss the technical, economic and market issues concerning the provision of Schedule 3 service as it relates to frequency response, including:

- To what extent should existing resources be required to provide their inherent quantity of frequency response as part of their existing obligations, with any shortfall in achieving the balancing authority area's frequency response obligation being procured through tariff or market mechanisms such as in ERCOT;
- Could competitive, market-based procurement of primary frequency response performance be structured to address potential market power concerns;
- Whether provision of autonomous governor response could be traded in a manner that is consistent with the existing market power screens for sales of energy and capacity;
- To what extent can existing resources be equipped with governors, or other control equipment that can serve the same function, and how expensive or time consuming would such a retrofit be;
- Since governor-based autonomous frequency response would not require any dispatch signal from a balancing area operator, would any special dispatch or transmission scheduling provisions be needed to provide the service from resources in a neighboring balancing authority area;
- Could competitive procurement of primary frequency response be structured to avoid increases in Transmission Reliability Margin, avoid barriers to non-conventional resources, and assure the performance will be consistent with the Commission-approved balancing authority area obligation, assure the generators providing primary frequency response achieve appropriate speed and magnitude of power output;

- How could cost-based payments for primary frequency response performance be structured;

- To what extent do existing resources lack the necessary equipment or fail to utilize the appropriate settings on that equipment to provide primary frequency response;

- Why do existing resources that have the necessary equipment to provide primary frequency response choose not to use it or to absorb response; and,

- Are penalties for deviating from generation schedules viewed as a serious impediment to the provision of frequency response?

The workshop will not be transcribed. However, there will be a free webcast of the workshop. Anyone with Internet access interested in viewing this workshop can do so by navigating to the FERC Calendar of Events at www.ferc.gov and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to its webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcasts and offers the option of listening to the workshop via phone-bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit www.CapitolConnection.org or call (703) 996-3100.

FERC workshops are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an email to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 502-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208-2106 with the requested accommodations.

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Dated: February 20, 2014.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL14-19-000]

Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On February 20, 2014, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL14-19-000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e (2012), instituting an investigation into the justness and reasonableness of Midcontinent Independent System Operator Inc.'s (MISO) proposed Regional Through-and-out Rate for service over the transmission system in the MISO South region. *Midcontinent Indep. Sys. Operator, Inc.*, 146 FERC ¶ 61,111 (2014).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL14-19-000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 20, 2014.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP14-77-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on February 10, 2014, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), 5151 San Felipe, Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77056, filed in Docket No. CP14-77-000, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208 and 157.210 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) as amended, requesting authorization to construct 5.5 miles of 24-inch diameter pipeline and appurtenances, extending Line R-701 north of McArthur Compressor Station, located in Vinton and Fairfield Counties, Ohio. Columbia states that the proposed extension of Line R-701 will not increase (or decrease) the line's capacity nor change any services currently offered by Columbia. Columbia asserts that the proposed project is required to increase the

reliability of both the existing Line R-701 and the overall R-System in the Ohio region. Columbia estimates the costs of the proposed project to be approximately \$25.3 million, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Frederic J. George, Senior Counsel, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273, by telephone at (304) 357-2359 or by facsimile at (304) 357-3206.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 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 NGA (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 allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenter's 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 commenter's will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentary, 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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0133; FRL-9907-03-OEI]

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: 2011 Renewable Fuel Standards—Petition for International Aggregate Compliance Approach

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency has submitted an information collection request (ICR), "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: 2011 Renewable Fuel Standards—Petition for International Aggregate Compliance Approach" (EPA ICR No. 2398.03, OMB Control No. 2060-0655) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C.

3501 *et seq.*). This is a "proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through February 28, 2014. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** (78 FR 30428) on December 20, 2013 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before March 31, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0133, to (1) EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), by email to a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB via email to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Geanetta Heard, Fuel Compliance Center, 6406J, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-343-9017 fax number: 202-565-2085 email address: heard.geanetta@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Supporting documents which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at www.regulations.gov or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Abstract: This regulation has a provision that EPA will use to authorize renewable fuel producers using certain foreign-grown feedstocks to use an aggregate approach to comply with the renewable biomass verification