

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission****[Docket No. CP01-142-001]****Columbia Gas Transmission
Corporation; Notice of Petition To
Amend**

October 11, 2002.

Take notice that on October 4, 2002, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146, filed in Docket No. CP02-142-001, a petition to amend the application filed April 5, 2002, in Docket No. CP02-142-000, requesting a certificate pursuant to sections 7(b) and (c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for abandonment authorization and a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of certain natural gas transmission facilities in Pennsylvania and Maryland to provide firm transportation service (FTS) under Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations for Rock Springs Generation, LLC (Rock Springs) and CED Rock Springs, Inc. (CEDRS) (together, "Customer"), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia proposes to revise its previously approved and requested proposals in Docket Nos. CP01-260-000, CP01-439-000 and CP02-142-000 because of changing needs and customer circumstances, as discussed in a public meeting at the Commission held September 4, 2002. It is stated that the customer for which facilities were authorized in Docket No. CP01-260-000 exercised its option to terminate its contract. That authorization included a proposal to abandon the existing compressor at the Downingtown compressor station in Pennsylvania and to construct and operate additional compression at the compressor station. It is stated that the proposal in Docket No. CP02-142-001 requires the additional compression; therefore, because those facilities were not installed, Columbia requests authorization in the instant docket to include abandonment of the existing compressor and construction of a new 6,000 horsepower compressor at Downingtown. Columbia has filed a separate application with proposed revisions to its Delaware Valley Energy Expansion Project in Docket No. CP01-439-003.

In Docket No. CP02-142-001, Columbia proposes to abandon 8.8 miles

of 10-inch pipeline in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and to construct and operate 8.8 miles of 24-inch pipeline (replacement of Line 1896), and to abandon 0.3 mile of 14-inch pipeline and to construct and operate 0.3 mile of 24-inch pipeline in Chester County (replacement of Line 1556), both as previously authorized in Docket No. CP01-439-000. It is stated that Columbia will use the expanded mainline capacity to transport up to 270,000 Dekatherms (dt) per day of natural gas to the Customer's power plant to be located in Rock Springs, Cecil County, Maryland, in order to serve the fuel requirements of the power plant and to serve future electric demand requirements. Columbia states that it has signed contracts with Rock Springs and CEDRS to transport gas for a term of 20 years, delivering 135,000 dt of gas per day to each. It is asserted that the replacement of the line will enhance reliability and flexibility for Columbia's existing customers through the creation of additional capacity during off-peak periods. Columbia states that it will make deliveries to the Customer using the existing Rock Springs Meter Station which was constructed by Columbia under the automatic provisions of its blanket certificate and paid for by the Customer.

Columbia estimates the cost of the project at \$29,214,400 and requests rolled-in rate treatment for the cost, asserting that the project satisfies the requirements of the Commission's Pricing Policy Statement for new construction. Columbia requests that a certificate be issued by December 18, 2002, in order to begin service by April 1, 2003.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Fredric J. George, Senior Attorney, at (304) 357-2359, Columbia Gas Transmission Company, PO Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before November 1, 2002, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) 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. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>. The Commission strongly encourages intervenors to file electronically.

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 commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents, and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, Commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission, and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a Federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

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 a certificate will be issued.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-336-007]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

October 11, 2002.

Take notice that on October 7, 2002, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1-A, the tariff sheets listed in Appendix A to the filing, with an effective date of November 1, 2002.

El Paso states that the tariff sheets are being filed in compliance with the Commission's September 20, 2002 order in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed 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. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For Assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP02-499-001]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Compliance Filing

October 11, 2002.

Take notice that on October 9, 2002, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to become effective on October 1, 2002:

Sheet No. 225

Original Sheet No. 225A

Second Revised Sheet No. 276

Original Sheet No. 276A

Original Sheet No. 276B

Second Revised Sheet No. 277

Second Revised Sheet No. 278

Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 308

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 309

Equitrans states that the purpose of this tariff filing is to comply with the Commission's Letter Order, issued in Docket No. RP02-499-000, on September 27, 2002, where the Commission accepted the Equitrans tariff sheets to comply with Commission Order 587-O, subject to its filing certain modifications to include and delete standards in accordance with Version 1.5 of the North American Energy Standards Board.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed 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. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For Assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions

on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER02-2330-000 and EL00-62-039]

New England Power Pool and ISO—New England, Inc.; Notice

October 11, 2002.

Take notice that at the Commission's public meeting of October 9, 2002, the Agenda Item A-3 panel presentations and discussions on demand response matters may have touched upon matters relating to demand response issues currently being considered by the Commission in the dockets listed above. Consequently, the Commission is hereby providing an opportunity for parties in the dockets listed above to file comments on the presentations and discussions that pertain to issues pending in these dockets. The relevant portions of the transcripts of the October 9, 2002, Commission meeting will also be placed in the record of these dockets.

Any party in these dockets desiring to file comments should file 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). All such comments should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. Comments 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Comment Date: October 31, 2002.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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