

interfere with State, local, and tribal governments in the exercise of their governmental functions.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

Applicability of Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) to AFP

In general, EDGAR would apply to this grant except to the extent it is inconsistent with the purpose of and intent of section 4(b)(2)(D) of the AT Act. Specifically, grantees would be exempt from section 80.21(i) regarding interest earned on advances and the addition method in section 80.25(g)(1). Also, sections 75.560–75.564 would not apply to the extent that these sections of EDGAR are inconsistent with the AFP requirement that indirect costs cannot exceed 10 percent.

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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 84.224C Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Programs)

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 3001 *et seq.*

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Andrew J. Pepin,

Executive Administrator, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Hearing

AGENCY: Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Education.

ACTION: Notice of an opening hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming hearing of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance (The Advisory Committee). This notice also describes the functions of the Advisory Committee. Notice of this hearing is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, June 5, 2007, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at approximately 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn on the Hill, Federal North Room, 415 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michelle Asha Cooper, Deputy Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Capitol Place, 80 F Street, NW, Suite 413, Washington DC 20202–7582, (202) 219–2099.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance is established under Section 491 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by Public Law 100–50 (20 U.S.C. 1098). The Advisory Committee serves as an independent source of advice and counsel to the Congress and the Secretary of Education on student financial aid policy. Since its inception, the congressional mandate requires the Advisory Committee to conduct objective, nonpartisan, and independent analyses on important aspects of the student assistance programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act, and to make recommendations that will result in the maintenance of access to postsecondary education for low- and middle-income students. In addition, Congress expanded the Advisory Committee's mission in the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 to include several important areas: access, Title IV modernization, distance education, and early information and needs assessment. Specifically, the Advisory Committee is to review, monitor and evaluate the Department of Education's progress in these areas and

report recommended improvements to Congress and the Secretary.

The Advisory Committee has scheduled this one-day hearing to discuss release of its new report related to its congressionally requested study to make textbooks more affordable (Textbook Study). This one-year study, was requested by the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor (formerly Education and the Workforce) to investigate further the problem of rising textbook prices and determine the impact of rising textbook prices on students' ability to afford a postsecondary education. In addition, other discussions will focus on two components of the Advisory Committee's three-year Innovative Pathways Study: Expected Family Contribution and early financial aid information.

The proposed agenda includes expert testimony and discussions by prominent higher education community leaders, Congressional staff, state representatives, and institutions on (a) the Advisory Committee's Textbook Study recommendations; (b) legislative efforts to simplify the student aid application and delivery process; and (c) the National Advising Corps. The Advisory Committee will also conduct a public comment and discussion session.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the hearing (i.e., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, and/or materials in alternative format) should notify the Advisory Committee no later than Tuesday, May 29, 2007 by contacting Ms. Hope Gray at (202) 219–2099 or via e-mail at hope.gray@ed.gov. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The hearing site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

The Advisory Committee invites the public to submit written comments on the agenda topics to the following e-mail address: ACSFA@ed.gov. Information regarding the topics covered at the hearing will also be available on the Advisory Committee's Web site, <http://www.ed.gov/ACSFA>. We must receive your comments on or before Tuesday, May 29, 2007 to be included in the hearing materials.

Space for the hearing is limited and you are encouraged to register early if you plan to attend. You may register by sending an email to the following address: ACSFA@ed.gov or Tracy.Deanna.Jones@ed.gov. Please include your name, title, affiliation, complete address (including internet

and email address, if available), and telephone and fax numbers. If you are unable to register electronically, you may fax your registration information to the Advisory Committee staff office at (202) 219-3032. You may also contact the Advisory Committee staff directly at (202) 219-2099. The registration deadline is Tuesday, May 29, 2007.

Records are kept for Advisory Committee proceedings, and are available for inspection at the Office of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Capitol Place, 80 F Street, NW.—Suite 413, Washington, DC from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Information regarding the Advisory Committee is available on the Committee's Web site, <http://www.ed.gov/ACSFA>.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP07-207-000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Application

May 7, 2007.

Take notice that on April 27, 2007, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), Post Office Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed an application in Docket No. CP07-207-000, pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and

necessity authorizing its High Plains Expansion Project which consists of approximately 164 miles of 24- and 30-inch diameter pipeline, in four related pipeline segments, and metering facilities, with appurtenances, to be located in Adams, Morgan, and Weld Counties, Colorado. As part of the project, CIG is seeking authorization to implement new services and rates, and gas quality control rates and fuel charges. When completed, the pipeline facilities will transport and deliver up to 899,000 Dth per day of natural gas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection. 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 "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 for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this Application should be directed to Richard Derryberry, Director, Regulatory Affairs, Colorado Interstate Gas Company, P. O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80944 at (719) 520-3788 or by fax at (719) 667-7534 or Craig V. Richardson, Vice President and General Counsel, Colorado Interstate Gas Company, P. O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80944 at (719)520-4829 or by fax at (719)520-4898.

On October 6, 2006, the Commission staff granted CIG's request to utilize the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF06-36-000 to staff activities involving the CIG's expansion project. Now, as of the filing of CIG's application on April 27, 2007, the NEPA Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, CIG's proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP07-207-000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

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.

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 the below listed comment date, 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 385.214 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 project. 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 project 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 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 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