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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and To Conduct Public Scoping Meetings, and Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement for Remediation of the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Site in Grand County, UT

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and to conduct public scoping meetings; correction.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy published a document in the **Federal Register** of December 20, 2002, announcing its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to assess the potential environmental impacts of actions that would remediate contaminated soils, tailings, and ground water at the Moab Uranium Mill, Tailings Site, Grand County, Utah, and contaminated soils in adjacent public and private properties near the Moab Project Site. The document contained an incorrect e-mail address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Joel Berwick, Moab Project Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Grand Junction Office, (970) 248-6020.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of December 20, 2002, in FR Doc. 02-32126, on page 77969, please make the following correction:

On page 77969, under the heading **ADDRESSES**, the second paragraph should read: In addition to providing comments at the public scoping meetings, interested parties are invited to record their comments, ask questions concerning the EIS, or request to be placed on the EIS mailing list or document distribution list by leaving a message on the toll-free EIS Hotline 1-800-637-4575, or e-mail at moabcomments@gjo.doe.gov The hotline will have instructions on how to record comments and requests.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP03-29-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

December 23, 2002.

Take notice that on December 17, 2002, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146, filed an application pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and part 157 of the Commission's regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a limited blanket certificate to perform certain specific activities at its Victory storage field in Marshall and Wetzel Counties, West Virginia, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing is available for review at the Commission 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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659.

Columbia states that on September 18, 2002, Consolidated Coal Company and McElroy Coal Company (collectively referred to as McElroy) and Columbia executed a settlement agreement relating to the continued operation of the victory storage field in tandem with coal mining operations. It is stated that the settlement agreement is structured to allow McElroy continuous access for its coal mining operation while ensuring a preservation of current storage field deliverability, in a cost effective manner, for Columbia and its customers. In addition, it is stated that as a result of the sequential drill-and-plug approach adopted by the parties for maintaining deliverability, mining activities through Victory should progress more safely.

Columbia states that once mining within the Victory storage field commences, it will frequently be

required to act within time frames that do not permit seeking advance Commission authorization each time an active injection/withdrawal well must be plugged to accommodate mining, or a replacement injection/withdrawal well must be drilled to preserve existing deliverability. In order to avoid the need for repeatedly seeking expedited decisions on matters requiring NGA section 7 authority, Columbia requests a limited blanket certificate for authorization to drill replacement injection/withdrawal wells, and abandon existing injection/withdrawal wells, and a flexible time frame for meeting the normal environmental reporting requirements associated with such activities.

Columbia maintains that the settlement agreement with McElroy insulates Columbia and its customers from the costs associated with abandoning existing injection/withdrawal or observation wells and drilling replacement injection/withdrawal or observation wells. Columbia avers that its customers will incur no significant costs in conjunction with replacing existing wells and ancillary equipment with replacement wells and equipment while preserving existing capacity and deliverability from the Victory storage field. Columbia states that it would seek rolled-in rate treatment for the minor non-reimbursed costs which will be incurred with respect to well abandonment and replacement activities in Victory. Columbia states that McElroy would pay for up to 750 feet of well line to connect each replacement well and Columbia would pay for any footage of well line over 750 feet. Columbia further states that for pipelines impacted by mining, Columbia would receive a reimbursement of 50 percent of the costs associated with mitigating impact on pipelines in Victory which are 12-inch or greater in diameter when such pipelines are schedule to be, or are, mined under during the months of December, January, February or March of any year while the settlement agreement is in effect. Under such a scenario, Columbia states that it would seek to roll-in to its rates the portion of pipeline costs not reimbursed by McElroy.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to counsel for Columbia, Fredric J. George, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273, at (304) 357-2359, fax (304) 357-3206.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to