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[Project No. 2743-045]

The Four Dam Pool Power Agency; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

October 8, 2004.

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Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Hardy Storage Project and Virginia Looping Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

October 8, 2004.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's (Columbia) Hardy Storage Project located in Hardy and Hampshire Counties, West Virginia. The EA will also address Virginia Looping¹ Project which consists of constructing new sections of pipeline parallel to Columbia's existing pipeline in Shenandoah, Page, Rockingham, Greene, and Louisa Counties, Virginia. This notice announces the opening of

¹ A loop is a segment of pipeline installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and which connects to the existing pipeline at both ends of the loop. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the system.

the scoping process we will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the projects. Your input will help the Commission staff determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on November 22, 2004.

Comments may be submitted in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are provided in the public participation section of this notice. Public scoping meetings will be held in early November, and an additional public notice will be issued once the dates and locations are determined.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; Federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; environmental and public interest groups; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers in this proceeding. We encourage government representatives to notify their constituents of these planned projects and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

Summary of the Proposed Projects

Columbia proposes to construct and operate a natural gas storage field and related facilities in Hardy and Hampshire Counties, West Virginia, and loop its existing pipeline in Shenandoah, Page, Rockingham, Greene, and Louisa Counties, Virginia. In addition to the facilities described below, both projects will also involve the construction of aboveground facilities such as valves, meters, meter stations, and pig launchers and receivers. The majority of the facilities proposed on these projects are located within or adjacent to existing cleared rights-of-way.

Hardy Storage Project

Columbia proposes to store natural gas in the Oriskany sandstone formation in Hardy and Hampshire Counties, West Virginia. The Oriskany is a depleted, self-contained, natural gas producing geologic formation that is located more than a mile underground. Natural gas existed in the Oriskany for millions of years until it was discovered and produced in the 1960s and early 1970s. Natural gas supplies from Appalachia, the Southwest, or other sources will be stored in the field when demand is low, then withdrawn as needed during periods of high demand.

Maps depicting Columbia's proposed storage project and related facilities in West Virginia are provided in Appendix