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Sally L. Stroup,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-34-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

December 19, 2003.

Take notice that Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146, filed in Docket No. CP04-34-000 on December 16, 2003, an application pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, to abandon and construct and operate pipeline facilities in Pennsylvania, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be also 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, call (202) 502-8222 or TTY, (202) 208-1659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to counsel for Columbia, Fredric J. George, 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 obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before January 9, 2004, 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 documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters 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 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 either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

Comments, protests and interventions 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.

Comment Date: January 9, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2493-006]

Puget Sound Energy, Inc.; Notice of Technical Meeting To Discuss Additional Information Filed With Regards to the Pending License Application

December 19, 2003.

a. *Date and Time of Meeting:* Tuesday, January 20, 2004, at 11 a.m. eastern standard time.

b. *Place:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC. To participate by phone, see item (f).

c. *FERC Contact:* Nicholas Jayjack, 202-502-6073 or Nicholas.Jayjack@ferc.gov.

d. *Purpose of Meeting:* Puget Sound Energy (Puget) has requested a meeting with Commission staff to discuss Puget's "Summary of Proposed License Elements" filed with the Commission on December 9, 2003, for the Snoqualmie Falls Hydroelectric Project. The project is located on the Snoqualmie River in Snoqualmie, Washington.

e. *Proposed Agenda:* (1) Introduction of participants; (2) Puget Sound Energy's presentation on the purpose of the meeting; (3) Discussion; and (4) Meeting Wrap-up.

f. All local, State, and Federal agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties and individuals are invited to participate either in person or by telephone. Please RSVP Nicholas Jayjack at Nicholas.Jayjack@ferc.gov by no later than January 14, 2004, and indicate how you will participate

(telephone or in person). If participating by telephone, you will receive calling instructions when you RSVP. It is encouraged that those participating by telephone assemble together as much as possible to ensure that there will be a sufficient number of open telephone lines to accommodate all participants.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

December 19, 2003.

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Application Type:* Petition for Declaratory Order.
- b. *Docket No.:* D104-2-000.
- c. *Date Filed:* December 15, 2003.
- d. *Applicant:* Appalachian Mountain Club.
- e. *Name of Project:* Zealand Falls Hut Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* The Zealand Falls Hut Hydroelectric Project is located on Whitewall Brook, Grafton County, New Hampshire. The project is located on Federal land (White Mountain National Forest).
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 817(b).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Dave Herring, AMC, P.O. Box 298, Gorham, NH 30581, telephone: (603) 466-2721 x204, FAX: (603) 466-2822, E-mail: dherring@amcinfo.org
- i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Diane M. Murray (202) 502-8838, or E-mail: diane.murray@ferc.gov.
- j. *Deadline for filing comments and/or motions:* January 23, 2004.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. Any questions, please contact the Secretary's Office. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at: <http://www.ferc.gov>.

Please include the docket number (D104-2-000) on any protests, comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project:* The existing Zealand Falls Hut Hydroelectric Project consists of: (1) A dam; (2) 3-inch-diameter, 1,500-foot-long polyethylene pipe; (3) a DC 12V/20 amp car-type alternator with a total rated capacity of 250 W; and (4) appurtenant facilities.

When a Petition for Declaratory Order is filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Power Act requires the Commission to investigate and determine if the interests of interstate or foreign commerce would be affected by the project. The Commission also determines whether or not the project: (1) Would be located on a navigable waterway; (2) would occupy or affect public lands or reservations of the United States; (3) would utilize surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) if applicable, has involved or would involve any construction subsequent to 1935 that may have increased or would increase the project's head or generating capacity, or have otherwise significantly modified the project's pre-1935 design or operation.

l. *Locations of the application:* Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—*Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—*any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTESTS", OR "MOTIONS TO

INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Docket Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *Agency Comments—*Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the applicant's representatives.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Comments

December 19, 2003.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.
- b. *Project No.:* 12465-000.
- c. *Date filed:* August 18, 2003.
- d. *Applicant:* Glover Wilkins Hydro LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Glover Wilkins By-Pass Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Tombigbee Waterway, in Monroe County, Mississippi, utilizing the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers' Glover Wilkins Dam.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 91(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Brent Smith, Glover Wilkins Hydro LLC., P.O. Box 535, Rigby, ID 83442, (208) 745-0834.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, (202) 502-6062.
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener files comments or documents with the