

accordance with the FPA, the Department of Energy Organization Act (DOE Act), and EPAct 2005. Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year

extension of the current expiration date, with no change to the reporting requirements.

*Burden Statement:* The public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to be as follows:

FERC-732 <sup>1</sup>	Number of respondents annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
New Transmission Organizations with Organized Electricity Markets—filing requirement .....	1	1	1,180	1,180
Existing & New Transmission Organizations with Organized Markets—making plans & procedures available to public .....	6	1	2	12
Total Annual Estimate .....	.....	.....	.....	1,192

Any transmission organization approved by the Commission for operation after January 29, 2007, that has one or more organized electricity markets (administered either by it or by another entity), will be required to comply with the FERC-732 reporting requirements. Although it is difficult to predict whether the Commission will receive an application for, and approve, a transmission organization in the foreseeable future, the regulations, reporting requirements, and burden of FERC-732 merit continued renewal of the OMB (Office of Management and Budget) clearance. As a result, we are including a 'placeholder' estimate of 1 respondent and 1 response annually for the filing requirement. In addition, each existing transmission organization subject to Part 42 must make its transmission planning and expansion procedures and plans publicly available (under 18 CFR 42.1(c)(4)) for an estimated burden of 2 hours per respondent.

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$71,491.35 [1,192 hours divided by 2,080 hours <sup>2</sup> per year, times \$124,750 <sup>3</sup> equals \$71,491.35]. The estimated cost per respondent is \$70,771.63 for new transmission organizations, and \$119.95 for existing transmission organizations.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining,

disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The respondent's cost estimate is based on salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize respondent information collection burden.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP09-423-000; RP09-423-002]

### Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Technical Conference

August 26, 2009.

Take notice that the Commission Staff will convene a technical conference in the above-referenced proceeding on Thursday, September 24, 2009, at 10 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time), in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

At the technical conference, the Commission Staff and the parties to the proceeding can discuss *all* of the issues raised by Columbia Gulf's proposal, including but not limited to: (1) The accuracy of Columbia Gulf's lost and unaccounted-for gas (LAUF) measurement based on receipt and delivery meters; (2) Columbia Gulf's unrecovered LAUF quantities; (3) the proposed rates; and (4) defining the recovery period for LAUF volumes.

Columbia Gulf is required to support and justify the recovery of any unrecovered quantities for the 2008 calendar year and explain why any unrecovered quantities should be recovered for future or periodic Transportation Retainage Adjustment (TRA) filings. Columbia Gulf is also required to be prepared to address all of the concerns raised in the protests and comments in these proceedings, and if necessary, to provide additional technical, engineering and operational support for its proposal. Any party proposing alternatives to Columbia Gulf's proposal is required to be prepared to similarly support its position. Issues concerning Columbia

<sup>2</sup> Number of hours an employee works each year.

<sup>3</sup> The Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor Occupational Handbook ('May 2008 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates [United States],' at [http://www.bls.gov/oes/2008/may/oes\\_nat.htm#b23-0000](http://www.bls.gov/oes/2008/may/oes_nat.htm#b23-0000)) shows the mean annual salary for a lawyer is \$124,750, or \$59.98 per hour.

Gulf's reservation of its right to recover the unrecovered Company Use Gas (CUG) and LAUF quantities for the 2008 calendar year deferral period, or any other unrecovered quantities, in a future annual or period TRA filing may also be discussed at the technical conference.

FERC conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an e-mail to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov) or call toll free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 502-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

All interested persons are permitted to attend. For further information please contact Lisa Long at (202) 502-8691 or e-mail [lisa.long@ferc.gov](mailto:lisa.long@ferc.gov).

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

#### Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

August 26, 2009.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt

of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable

proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Docket No.	File date	Presenter or requestor
Prohibited:		
1. IN09-9-000 .....	8-24-09	John H. Pound.
Exempt:		
1. CP08-431-000 .....	07-28-09	Hon. Sherrod Brown.
2. P-400-051 .....	08-05-09	Greg Stobb, Edwin Schlapfer.
3. P-405-087 .....	08-03-09	Hon. Benjamin L. Cardin.
4. P-12569-001 .....	08-06-09	Gregory Griffith.
5. P-12569-001 .....	08-04-09	Dan Boettger.
6. P-12737-002 .....	08-06-09	Brenda Winn.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12492-001]

#### Ha-Best Inc.; Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments

August 26, 2009.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Original Major License.

b. *Project No.:* P-12492-001.

c. *Date Filed:* July 31, 2008.

d. *Applicant:* Ha-Best Inc.

e. *Name of Project:* Miner Shoal Waterpower Project.

f. *Location:* The proposed project is located on the Soque River, near the Town of Demorest, Habersham County, Georgia. The proposed project does not occupy federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Don Ferguson, 34 West Jarrard Street, Cleveland, GA 30528; Telephone (706) 865-3999.

i. *FERC Contact:* Janet Hutzel, Telephone (202) 502-8675, or by e-mail at [janet.hutzel@ferc.gov](mailto:janet.hutzel@ferc.gov).