

—Schedule V: Demand-Side Management Information,—added a DSM contact person and telephone number; and

—Schedule VI: Nonutility Power Producer Information,—revised the title to “Independent Power Producer Information,” and changed the reporting requirements to include all independent power producers.

c. Prior Form EIA-867: All remaining Schedules have been renumbered, are intact and became part of the Form EIA-899.

—The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code designations are included in the instructions, the list of SIC codes has been enhanced to include sub-codes for SIC code 49 and include codes for SIC codes 91 and 97.

—The Form EIA-899 filing date is April 1st; and

—The Form EIA-899 collects information on electric generation including purchases and sales, electric capacity, and fuel consumption and will not be considered confidential. Data filed on the former Form EIA-867 have historically been treated as confidential. The EIA proposes that the data filed by all respondents in the electric power industry be considered public information consistent with similar data filed by other segments of the electric power industry on other EIA electric power forms. In addition, the industry is under a changing regulatory environment. Core data, as collected and published by the EIA, are needed by policy makers to develop regulations, and assess the impact of policies and regulations.

d. There is an option to file the Form EIA-899 electronically. The electronic filing option should reduce overall costs of the respondent and the government.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of responses. Please indicate to which form or forms your comment or comments apply.

General Issues: EIA is interested in receiving comments from persons regarding:

A. Whether the proposed collection(s) of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility and

B. What enhancements EIA can make to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

As a potential respondent:

A. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instruction(s) require clarification?

B. Can the data be submitted using the definitions included in the instructions?

C. Can data be submitted in accordance with the response time specified in the instructions?

D. For each of the following forms, public reporting burden (hours per response) is estimated to average: EIA-412 = 33.2 hrs.; EIA-759 = 1.4 hrs.; EIA-826 = 1.8 hrs.; EIA-860 = 16.0 hrs.; EIA-899 total 9.35 hrs: (Utility Power Producers = 7.08 hrs.; and Nonutility Power Producers 2.27 hrs.) Burden is based on how much time, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Please comment on (1) the accuracy of our estimate and (2) efforts to minimize the burden of the collection of information through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

E. What is the estimated cost to complete the form, including direct and indirect costs associated with the data collection? Direct costs should include all costs, such as administrative costs, directly attributable to providing this information.

F. Please provide comments on the proposed change in confidentiality, and include specific reasons on how the release of specified data would likely cause substantial competitive harm to your company. If you have provided this information in response to the request for comments to the **Federal Register** notice published April 28, 1995 (60 FR 20985), there is no need to resubmit the information. Kindly advise us of the date of your submission, and we will include it in our comments.

G. Do you know of any other Federal, State, or local agency that collects similar data? If you do, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the means of collection.

As a potential user:

A. Can you use data at the levels of detail indicated on the form?

B. For what purpose would you use the data? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources of data and do you use them? What are their deficiencies and/or strengths?

D. For the most part, information is published by EIA in U.S. customary units, e.g., cubic feet of natural gas, short tons of coal, and barrels of oil. Would you prefer to see EIA publish more information in metric units, e.g., cubic meters, metric tons, and

kilograms? If yes, please specify what information, the metric unit(s) of measurement preferred, and in which EIA publication(s) you would like to see such information.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the forms. They also will become a matter of public record.

Authority: Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP95-531-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 1995 Line L Replacement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

June 26, 1995.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or the Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) and operation of the facilities proposed in the 1995 Line L Replacement Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is required and whether or not to approve the project.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) wants to construct and operate 5.8 miles of pipeline replacement to provide continued service to its existing customers. Columbia's proposed facilities would consist of 5.8 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline and appurtenances in 9 sections that replaces approximately 0.5 mile of 12-inch and 5.2 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline on Line L in Ashland, Medina, and Wayne Counties, Ohio.

The locations of these facilities are shown in appendix 1.²

¹ Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are

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Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 116 acres of land consisting of 35 acres of existing right-of-way (ROW), 60 acres of temporary ROW and staging areas, 18 acres of new permanent ROW, and a 3-acre contractor's yard. Following construction, the ROW would be restored and the temporary ROW would be allowed to revert to its former land use.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are taken into account during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Hazardous waste.
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state,

available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, Room 3104, 941 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Columbia. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list; the list of issues will be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our own analysis. Issues are:

- Twelve wetlands (palustrine/emergent and palustrine forested) and 6 intermittent streams at 9 locations would be affected.
- There is one residence and one business located within 50 feet of the construction ROW.
- There are trees in the project area that may be suitable habitat for the Indiana Bat, a federally listed endangered species.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter with your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 835 North Capitol St., NE, Washington, DC 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP95-531-000;
- Send a copy of your letter to: Mr. John Wisniewski, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., NE, Room 7312, Washington, DC 20426; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 31, 1995.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Mr. Wisniewski at the above address.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a Motion to Intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for later intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. John Wisniewski, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-1073.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Application

June 26, 1995.

Take notice that on June 19, 1995, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP95-569-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, requesting permission and approval to abandon the transportation authority that Natural secured in Docket No. CP79-71, to provide service for ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

It is stated that pursuant to a gas transportation agreement with ANR dated September 18, 1978 and Natural's Rate Schedule X-108, that Natural was obligated to redeliver equivalent volumes of natural gas to ANR. Specifically, Natural agreed to accept producer delivered volumes of up to 1,000 Mcf per day for the first three years and up to 700 Mcf per day thereafter in West Cameron Block 181 for redelivery to ANR near Lake Arthur