

needed for determining the nature and severity of the impairment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Laura Oliven (202-395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION**

[Release No. 35-26547]

**Filings Under the Public Utility Holding
Company Act of 1935, as Amended
("Act")**

July 26, 1996.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated thereunder. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendments thereto is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Office of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by August 19, 1996, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing shall identify specifically the issues of fact or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After said date, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

CNG Transmission Corporation, et al. (70-7641)

CNG Transmission Corporation ("Transmission"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Consolidated Natural Gas Company ("Consolidated"), a registered holding company, and CNG Iroquois, Inc. ("CNGI"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Transmission, both Transmission and CNGI of 445 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301, have filed a post-effective amendment, under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10, 12(b) and 12(c) of the Act and rules 45 and 54 thereunder and section 2(a) of the Gas Related Activities Act of 1990, to their application-declaration in the above file.

By orders dated January 9, 1991 (HCAR No. 25239), February 28, 1991 (HCAR No. 25263), May 7, 1991 (HCAR No. 25308) and July 6, 1993 (HCAR No. 25845) (collectively, the "Orders"), among other things, CNGI was authorized to acquire a 9.4% general partnership interest in Iroquois Gas Transmission System L.P. (the "Partnership"), a partnership formed to construct and own an interstate natural gas pipeline installed between Canada and Long Island, New York; to make equity contributions to the Partnership up to an aggregate amount of \$55 million outstanding at any one time, through June 30, 1996; and in respect of the Partnership, to provide guarantees, indemnities, letters of credit and/or reimbursement agreements up to an aggregate amount of \$20 million outstanding at any one time, through June 30, 1996. Pursuant to the Orders, among other things, Transmission was authorized to fund CNGI through the making of open account advances and/or the purchase of CNGI common stock, at \$10,000 par value, up to an aggregate amount of \$55 million outstanding at any one time, with CNGI retaining the right to repurchase the common stock at its par value, through June 30, 1996; and to provide guarantees, indemnities, letters of credit and/or reimbursement agreements to CNGI up to an aggregate amount of \$20 million outstanding at any one time, through June 30, 1996.

CNGI now seeks to increase its ownership interest in the Partnership from 9.4% to 16% by purchasing a 6.6% general partnership interest from ANR Iroquois, Inc. for approximately \$15 million.

The applicants state that construction of the pipeline was completed in 1992; a credit facility involving several institutional lenders currently provides long-term financing for the pipeline. In anticipation of funding obligations which may arise out of maintenance

activities and expansion projects which the Partnership may undertake in the future from time to time, the applicants request extensions through June 30, 2001 of CNGI's and Transmission's authority to provide guarantees and indemnities, letters of credit and/or related reimbursement agreements in an amount, for each company, not to exceed \$20 million outstanding at any one time, in respect of the Partnership and CNGI, respectively.

CNGI has 5,000 authorized shares of its common stock, \$10,000 par value, of which 1,494 shares are issued and outstanding. CNGI requests authority to increase its authorized share capital from 5,000 to 10,000 shares. CNGI also seeks an extension through June 30, 2001 to buy back, at par value, shares of its common stock issued and sold to Transmission.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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[Investment Company Act Release No. 22105; 811-8376]

**Renaissance Capital Growth & Income
Fund III, Inc.; Notice of Proposed
Deregistration**

July 26, 1996.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

ACTION: Notice of proposed deregistration under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

RELEVANT ACT SECTIONS: Sections 8(a), 8(f) and (54(a)).

SUMMARY OF NOTICE: The SEC proposes to declare by order on its own motion that the registration of Renaissance Capital Growth & Income Fund III, Inc. ("Renaissance Fund") under the Act has ceased to be in effect, as of March 14, 1994, when it elected to be regulated as a business development company ("BDC").

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order of deregistration will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on August 20, 1996. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons requesting a hearing should serve Renaissance Fund with the request, either personally