

385.214. Section 385.214 requires that a petition to intervene must state, to the extent known, the position taken by the petitioner and the petitioner's interest in sufficient factual detail to demonstrate either that the petitioner has a right to participate because it is a State Commission; that it has or represents an interest which may be directly affected by the outcome of the proceeding, including any interest as a consumer, customer, competitor, or security holder of a party to the proceeding; or that the petitioner's participation is in the public interest.

On the date this notice was issued DOE had already received interventions in this docket from NorAm Energy Services, Inc., Destec Power Services, Inc., Southwestern Public Service Company, Detroit Edison Company, and the Public Utility Commission of Texas. These entities are accepted as parties to this proceeding and need not reapply.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts of the proposed action has been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above.

Issued in Washington, DC on November 1, 1996.

Anthony J. Como,

*Director, Office of Coal & Electricity, Office of Fuels Programs, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-58-000]

### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, Notice of Application

November 1, 1996.

Take notice that on October 21, 1996, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations thereunder for an order granting permission and approval to abandon by transfer certain natural gas facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the

Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia proposes to abandon fifty-three (53) meters used to measure receipts of volumes from independent producers located in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. On July 31, 1991, Columbia filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. In the process of liquidating claims, Columbia entered into settlement agreements with individual producers which involved, among other things, Columbia's agreement to transfer to the settling producers certain receipt meters. These meters were no longer needed by Columbia to support gas purchase activity but were of interest to the producers who would continue to introduce gas into Columbia's system for transportation.

Columbia states that the meters were originally functionalized as gathering facilities, however, Columbia received Section 7(c) authorization for those meters in its proceeding to refunctionalize to transmission plant at Docket No. CP95-657-000.<sup>1</sup> The estimated net debit to accumulated provision for depreciation of the facilities to be abandoned is \$313,384.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before Nov. 22, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a petition to intervene or a protest 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a petition to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public

convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Columbia to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP97-56-000]

### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Application for Abandonment

November 1, 1996.

Take notice that on October 21, 1996, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 701 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois, 60148, filed in Docket No. CP97-56-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting permission and approval to abandon a transportation service performed by Natural under its Rate Schedule X-84 for Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway) authorized in Docket No. CP76-392, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Natural states that in Docket No. CP76-392, it was authorized, among other things, to provide an interruptible transportation service for Koch Gateway, formerly known as United Gas Pipe Line Company, pursuant to a gas transportation agreement (Agreement) between Natural and Koch Gateway dated May 24, 1976. Koch Gateway notified Natural by a letter dated June 26, 1996, that the transportation service provided under the Agreement and Natural's Rate Schedule X-84 is no longer required. Natural further states that this Agreement carries no imbalance and has not been used since March 1987. Therefore, Natural requests authority to abandon its transportation service for Koch Gateway performed under the Agreement and Natural's Rate Schedule X-84 authorized in Docket No. CP76-392.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before November 22, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of

<sup>1</sup> See, 73 FERC ¶ 61,264 (1995).