

This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend.

DATES: January 21, 1997.

TIMES: Reporting and Dissemination Committee, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon, (open); Reporting and Dissemination and Design and Methodology Joint Committee, 12:00 noon–2:30 p.m., (open); Design and Methodology Committee, 2:30–4:00 p.m., (open).

LOCATION: Homewood Suites Hotel, 432 West Market Street, San Antonio, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994) (Pub. L. 103-382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

On January 21, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Reporting and Dissemination Committee. The Committee will receive a briefing on the 1996 math results by the contractor and review the NAEP constituent survey instrument. Beginning at 12:00 noon, there will be a joint meeting of the Reporting and Dissemination and Design and Methodology Committees to discuss sampling issues related to IEP and LEP students, and private schools. At the conclusion of the joint committee meeting, approximately 2:30 p.m., the Design and Methodology Committee will meet to discuss issues related to the conduct of NAEP at the state level.

The public is being given less than fifteen days notice of this meeting because the Governing Board has been informed that the contractor requires decisions on these issues, no later than, January 23, 1997.

Records are kept on all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment

Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: January 15, 1997.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-181-000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Application

January 15, 1997.

Take notice that on January 3, 1997, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), P.O. Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in Docket No. CP97-181-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(c) and 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), for authority to convert two existing injection/withdrawal wells in CIG's Flank Storage Field in Baca County, Colorado, to observation wells, and to abandon the wellhead facilities and gathering lines to the two injection/withdrawal wells, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to the public for inspection.

CIG states that the subject two injection/withdrawal wells proposed for conversion to observation wells have failed to function as injection/withdrawal wells to any appreciable extent even after CIG attempted to stimulate the wells by conducting hydraulic fracture treatment. However, because of their location in the storage field, the wells will be of value as observation wells by using electric logs to provide information concerning the integrity of the seal in the reservoir.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should, on or before February 5, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 and 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 motion 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 motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the request should be granted. If a motion for leave to intervene 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 herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for CIG to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP97-146-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

January 15, 1997.

Take notice that on December 10, 1996, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business at 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., Charleston, West Virginia 25314-1599, filed in Docket No. CP97-146-000, an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for an order granting permission and approval to abandon certain natural gas facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia proposes to abandon storage wells, numbered 5918 and 5804 together with associated well lines and appurtenances located in Columbia's Medina Storage Field.

Columbia states that due to ongoing encroachment problems resulting from rapid residential development in the area of the wells, it believes it is imperative to plug and abandon the facilities as soon as possible. Columbia further states that a review of its Medina Storage Field indicates the facilities are

not needed for the continued operation of the field.

The net debit to accumulated provision for depreciation for the proposed abandonment is estimated to be \$222,779.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 5, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 and 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 motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to 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 motion 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 motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein 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. CP97-185-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 15, 1997.

Take notice that on January 7, 1997, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273, filed in

Docket No. CP97-185-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate an additional point of delivery for interruptible transportation service to Commonwealth Gas Services, Inc. (COS), located in Sussex County, Virginia, under Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia proposes to construct and operate a new point of delivery to COS for interruptible service under Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations. Columbia advises that the estimated quantities of natural gas to be delivered at the new point of delivery are 1,080 Mcf/Day and 155,000 Mcf/Annually. Columbia asserts the end use of the gas will be residential and the point of delivery will be utilized to serve Sussex County Prison.

Columbia states the interconnecting facilities to be constructed will consist of installing a 4-inch tap, 4-inch check valve, and approximately 40 feet of 4-inch pipe, located in Sussex County, Virginia, at an estimated cost of \$12,500. Columbia advises they will be reimbursed by COS for 100% of the total actual cost of the proposed construction.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER97-542-000]

The Energy Spring, Inc., Notice of Issuance of Order

January 16, 1997.

The Energy Spring, Inc. (Energy Spring) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Energy Spring will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Energy Spring also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Energy Spring requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Energy Spring.

On January 8, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Energy Spring should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Energy Spring is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Energy Spring's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is February 7, 1997. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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