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Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-245-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

February 25, 1998.

Take notice that on February 19, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-1046, filed in Docket No. CP98-245-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, for permission and approval to abandon the transportation and exchange service with Union Light, Heat and Power Company (Union Light) provided under rate Schedule X-33, as revised, and all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

It is stated that the referenced exchange service provides for the transportation of natural gas by Union Light, for the account of Columbia, to Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company (CG&E) at multiple delivery points in Hamilton County, Ohio. Columbia states that it no longer delivers natural gas to CG&E in Ohio and instead delivers natural gas to CB&E in Kentucky, thus eliminating the need for the Rate Schedule X-33 agreement.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 18, 1998, 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 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 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 permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. 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 Columbia to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-238-000]

Destin Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

February 25, 1998.

Take notice that on February 17, 1998, Destin Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Destin), P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in Docket No. CP98-238-000 a request pursuant to §§ 157.205 and 157.208 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.208) for authorization to construct, install and operate a lateral pipeline and appurtenant facilities to accommodate the transportation of natural gas production from two new production platforms to be located in Main Pass Block 279 (Main Pass 279 Platform) and in Main Pass Block 281 (Main Pass 281 Platform) for connection into Destin's 36-inch mainline system at its Main Pass 260 Platform for ultimate delivery to downstream pipeline interconnections in southern and central Mississippi, under Destin's blanket certificate issued in Docket Nos. CP96-657-000 and -001 pursuant to Section 7 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.

Specifically, Destin is proposing to construct, install and operate (i) Approximately 65,000 feet of 24-inch-diameter lateral pipeline from Destin's Main Pass 260 Platform to a sub-sea valve near the Main Pass 279 Platform, a pig receiver to be installed at the Main Pass 260 Platform, and sub-sea valving to be installed at the end of the 24-inch lateral pipeline in Main Pass Block 279, all in Federal Waters, Gulf of Mexico; (ii) approximately 1,000 feet of 12-inch-diameter tie-in pipeline from a sub-sea tie-in located on the 24-inch lateral near the Main Pass 279 Platform to the Main Pass 279 Platform, a riser, and a pig launcher to be installed at the Main Pass 279 Platform, all in Federal Waters, Gulf of Mexico; (iii) approximately 6,500 feet of 20-inch-diameter tie-in pipeline from a sub-sea tie-in located on the 24-inch lateral in Main Pass Block 280 to the Main Pass 281 Platform, a riser, and a pig launcher to be installed at the Main Pass 281 Platform, all in Federal Waters, Gulf of Mexico; and (iv) two Receipt Points located on the Main Pass 279 and the Main Pass 281 Platforms, with measurement facilities to be installed at both Receipt Points.

Destin states that the proposed facilities will enable it to receive additional gas supplies from the Eastern Gulf of Mexico for transportation to downstream markets onshore in Mississippi. Destin states that CNG Producing Company, majority working interest owner and operator, and two smaller working interest owners, Walter Oil & Gas Corporation and Sonat Exploration GOM Inc., have requested transportation services on Destin's system for their production from leases in Block 734 in the Viosca Knoll Area and in Blocks 279, 280, 281 and 284 in the Main Pass Area, East Addition, Gulf of Mexico (Committed Leases). Destin states that these shippers have entered into Reserve Commitment Agreements with Destin under which they have dedicated their production from the Committed Leases. Destin also states that the shippers have initially agreed to transport up to 230 MMcf per day of production from the Committed Leases, and that such production will be transported through the proposed Lateral Facilities and through Destin's mainline system under Destin's Rate Schedule FT-2.

Destin estimates the cost for the construction and installation of the jurisdictional facilities to be \$14,990,068. The total cost of the project is \$18,990,068, which includes a contribution in Aid of Construction of