

and Department of Agriculture (USDA) to work with other Federal agencies (including NOAA) to develop a Clean Water Action Plan within 120 days. In a memorandum for Heads of Departments and Agencies, the Vice President specifically requested Federal agencies to "develop a comprehensive Action Plan that builds on the * * * clean water successes over the past five years and addresses three major goals: enhanced protection from public health threats posed by water pollution; more effective control of polluted runoff; and promotion of water quality protection on a watershed basis." The Action Plan is informed by the following principles:

- Agencies will develop cooperative approaches that promote coordination and reduce duplication among Federal, State and local agencies and Tribal governments wherever possible.
- Agencies will ensure participation of community groups and the public to the maximum extent practicable. Such participation will include community and public access to information, to protect the public's right-to-know about water quality issues.
- Agencies will emphasize innovative approaches to pollution control, including, where appropriate, incentives, market-based mechanisms, and cooperative partnerships with landowners and other private parties.

On February 19, 1998, President Clinton announced the Clean Water Action Plan to restore and protect America's waters. NOAA and EPA view these proposed administrative changes as supporting the goals of the President's Clean Water Action Plan to reduce polluted runoff in coastal areas. In particular, these changes respond to the following key action included in the Clean Water Action Plan:

NOAA and EPA will work with coastal states and territories to ensure that they have developed programs to reduce polluted runoff in coastal areas and that these programs are at least conditionally approved by June 1998 and that all programs are fully approved by December 1999, with appropriate state-enforceable policies and mechanisms.

NOAA and EPA are soliciting comments on the level of detail that should be required of states in describing the process that links the implementing and enforcement agencies, e.g., should states be required to establish clear criteria to determine where voluntary efforts have been unsuccessful and that enforcement actions are necessary?

In keeping with the statutory requirements of section 6217(b)(5) that there be "opportunities for public participation in all aspects of the program," NOAA and EPA reaffirm that public participation is necessary as the states develop changes to their programs. NOAA and EPA also solicit suggestions on how public participation can be effectively accomplished.

Section 6217 does not specifically establish timeframes for program implementation. NOAA and EPA are proposing extending the timeframe for program implementation that has been established administratively to fifteen years from the date of first program approval action, i.e., conditional approval. NOAA and EPA request comments on whether the proposed timeframe of fifteen years is appropriate or whether a shorter timeframe, e.g., twelve years, is feasible.

The proposed Administrative Changes provide guidance to the States on how NOAA and EPA intend to exercise their discretion in implementing the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program. As such, these proposed Administrative Changes, as well as the previously issued guidance they modify, are not regulations.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration)

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

"FEDERAL REGISTER" CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 63 FR 10364.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 1998.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission changed the meeting to discuss adjudicatory matters to March 12, 1998 at 2:00 p.m.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT98-25-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 6, 1998.

Take notice that on March 4, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, with a proposed effective date of April 3, 1998:

Second Revised Sheet No. 391
Second Revised Sheet No. 433

On January 20, 1998, Columbia Gas System, Inc. changed its name to Columbia Energy Group. The instant filing reflects, in Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's Second Revised Volume No. 1 Tariff, where applicable, the name change from Columbia Gas System, Inc. to Columbia Energy Group.

Columbia states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all firm customers, interruptible customers, and affected state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing 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 Sections 285.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

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Acting Secretary.

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