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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting:
Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Electric System Reliability Task Force.

DATES AND TIMES: Tuesday, May 12, 1998, 8:30 AM–4:00 PM.

ADDRESSES: The Madison Hotel, Dolley Madison Ballroom, 15th and M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-1709 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The electric power industry is in the midst of a complex transition to competition, which will induce many far-reaching changes in the structure of the industry and the institutions which regulate it. This transition raises many reliability issues, as new entities emerge in the power markets and as generation becomes less integrated with transmission.

Purpose of the Task Force

The purpose of the Electric System Reliability Task Force is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the critical institutional, technical, and policy issues that need to be addressed in order to maintain the reliability of the nation's bulk electric system in the context of a more competitive industry.

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

- 8:30–8:45 AM Opening Remarks & Objectives—Philip Sharp, ESR Task Force Chairman
8:45–10:00 AM Working Session: Discussion of Draft Position Paper

- on Technical Issues in Transmission Reliability—Facilitated by Philip Sharp
10:00–10:30 AM Working Session: Discussion of International Lessons Learned—Facilitated by Matthew Holden
10:30–10:45 AM Break
10:45–11:45 AM Working Session: Discussion of a Draft Position Paper on State/Regional Reliability Issues—Facilitated by Ralph Cavanagh
11:45–12:00 PM Working Session: Planning for the Final Report—Facilitated by Philip Sharp
12:00–1:00 PM Lunch
1:00–2:15 PM Working Session: Discussion of a Draft Position Paper on Incentives for Transmission Enhancement—Facilitated by Susan Tierney
2:15–3:30 PM Working Session: Discussion of Draft Position Paper on Ancillary Services and Bulk-Power Reliability—Facilitated by Philip Sharp
3:30–4:00 PM Public Comment Period
4:00 PM Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Washington, D.C., the Task Force welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Task Force will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

Minutes

Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the Electric System Reliability Task Force and the Task Force's interim report may

be found at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-353-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 22, 1998.

Take notice that on April 15, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue S.E., Charleston, West Virginia 25314-1599, filed in Docket No. CP98-353-000 a request pursuant to Sections 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 a new delivery point in Maryland, under Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000 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.

Columbia proposes to construct and operate a new point of delivery to Washington Gas Light Company (WGL) on Columbia's pipeline number WG in Poolesville Township, Montgomery County, Maryland. The interconnecting facilities will consist of installing a 4-inch tap, 3-inch meter, electronic measurement and approximately 250 feet of 4-inch pipeline. Transportation service will be firm service provided under Columbia's Rate Schedule Storage Service Transportation (SST). The estimated natural gas quantities to be delivered is 3,500 Dth/day and 1,277,500 Dth/annually. Columbia states that the point of delivery has been requested by WGL to serve both residential and commercial customers. WGL has not requested an increase in its firm entitlement in conjunction with this request. The estimated cost is \$176,074 which includes "gross up" for income tax purposes and WGL will reimburse Columbia 100% of the actual total cost of construction.

Columbia states that the new point of delivery will have no effect on its peak