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David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6375-006]

H.E.E.D. Co., Inc.; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

May 5, 1998.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order 486, 52 FR 47897), the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the revocation of the exemption for the Slaughterhouse Gulch Project, No. 6375-006. The Slaughterhouse Gulch Project is located on Slaughterhouse Gulch Creek in Twin Falls County, Idaho. The exemption is being revoked for failure to operate the project or to respond to requests to surrender the exemption. A Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) was prepared, and the DEA finds that revoking the exemption would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Please submit any comments within 30 days from the date of this notice. Any

(June 17, 1994); Order No. 566-A, *order on rehearing*, 59 FR 52896 (October 20, 1994), 69 FERC ¶ 61,044 (October 14, 1994); Order No. 566-B, *order on rehearing*, 59 FR 65707 (December 21, 1994), 69 FERC ¶ 61,334 (December 14, 1994).

comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports, or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Comments should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix Project No. 6375-006 to all comments. For further information, please contact Ms. Hillary Berlin, at (202) 219-0038.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-315-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 1998 Line KA Replacement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

May 5, 1998

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of facilities proposed in the 1998 Line KA Replacement Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law. A fact sheet addressing a number of typically asked questions, including

¹ Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

the use of eminent domain, is attached to this notice as appendix 1.²

Summary of the Proposed Project

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) proposes to abandon and replace about 5.5 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline in Pike County, Kentucky. About 4.9 miles of the existing pipeline would be abandoned by removal and replaced within Columbia's existing right-of-way. The remaining 0.6 mile of pipeline would be abandoned in place and replaced on newly acquired right-of-way to avoid steep slopes.

The project location is shown in appendix 2.

Land Requirements for Construction

Columbia would use a 75-foot-wide construction right-of-way for the entire project. Where the pipeline would be replaced on existing right-of-way, 50 feet of Columbia's existing right-of-way and 25 feet of temporary right-of-way would be used for construction. Where the pipeline would be replaced on newly acquired right-of-way, Columbia would obtain a permanent 50-foot-wide easement and a 25-foot-wide temporary right-of-way would be about 3.6 acres. Additional work areas would be required for road and stream crossings, access roads, staging areas, and pipeyards. The area of disturbance for the entire project would total about 77.4 acres.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.