

service to K N Westex Services Company (Westex), a provider of transportation and storage services, for use by new electrical power generation customers. It is stated that the facilities will be used to deliver approximately 60,000 Mcf of natural gas on a peak day and 5,400,000 Mcf on an annual basis to Westex. It is asserted that Caprock will be reimbursed for the \$730,000 cost of the facilities by Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., GS Electric Generating Cooperative, Inc. and Denver City Energy Associates, L.P. It is stated that Caprock's FERC Gas Tariff does not prohibit additional delivery points. It is explained that the volume of gas delivered to Westex will be within Westex's existing contract quantity and that the proposal will not have any adverse impact on Caprock's peak day and annual deliveries.

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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of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.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-684-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application for Abandonment

July 31, 1998.

Take notice that on July 22, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146, filed in Docket No. CP98-684-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon by sale to Blazer Energy Corporation (Blazer), a wholly owned subsidiary of Statoil Energy, Inc.,

certain certificated natural gas facilities, to abandon the service provided through the facilities to be sold, and to abandon an exchange service with CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG) and permission to amend the related exchange agreement to remove that point, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia states that Columbia and Blazer entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement dated July 15, 1997, which provides that Columbia will sell to Blazer all of its interest in certain pipeline facilities located in Fayette, Raleigh, and Kanawha Counties, West Virginia. Columbia proposed (i) to abandon, by sale to Blazer, Columbia's interest in certificated facilities designed as Lines KA-7, KA-12, KA-13, and the Carbon Compressor Station, located in West Virginia; (ii) to abandon the services provided through the facilities to be sold; and (iii) to abandon a point of exchange with CNG Transmission Corporation and permission to amend Columbia's Exchange Agreement X-35 to remove that point.

Concurrently with this application, Blazer filed a petition for a declaratory order in Docket No. CP98-683-000 requesting that the Commission declare that certain facilities Blazer proposes to acquire from Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) are gathering facilities exempt from Commission jurisdiction under Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA).

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before August 21, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulation 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.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-694-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 31, 1998.

Take notice that on July 24, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146, filed in Docket No. CP98-694-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.212, of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to modify an existing point of delivery to Washington Gas Light Company (WGL) by constructing certain facilities in Prince William County, Virginia, 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 requests authorization to modify its Robert Trent Jones point of delivery and provide service under existing rate schedules and within certificated entitlements. Columbia estimates that the proposed volumes will be approximately 20,600 Dth/day. The modification has been requested by WGL to provide additional firm transportation service for residential and commercial customers. WGL has not requested an increase in its total firm entitlements. Therefore, there is no impact on Columbia's existing peak day obligations to its other customers.