

**DATES:** Requests for information concerning the solicitation should be submitted in writing at the address above, by facsimile at 304/285-4683, or by E-mail to raymond.jarr@fetc.doe.gov. Telephone requests for the solicitation package will not be accepted.

**ADDRESSES:** Acquisition and Assistance Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE/FETC intends to select a group of projects programmatically balanced with respect to: (1) End use category (such as water heating, lighting, and space cooling); (2) sector (residential and/or commercial); and (3) time of commercialization (short-term or long-term market potential of the technology). The solicitation will cover research and development on materials, components and systems applicable to both residential and commercial buildings. The solicitation will not support demonstration projects to deploy the technology on a large scale.

The research and development areas of interest are as follows: Building Equipment—energy conversion and control equipment supplying services such as lighting, space heating, cooling, dehumidification and ventilation, water heating, appliance services and electric power to building occupants and commercial operations; and Building Envelope—materials, components and systems for the windows, walls, roofs, foundations and other elements which comprise building exteriors and provide day lighting and thermal integrity.

The solicitation is divided into four technology maturation stages. Technology Maturation Stage 2 involves applied research; Technology Maturation Stage 3 involves exploratory development (non-specific applications and bench-scale testing); Technology Maturation Stage 4 involves advanced development (specific applications and bench-scale testing); and Maturation Stage 5 involves engineering development (pilot-scale and/or field testing).

Multiple awards are expected regardless of the technology maturation stage proposed with decision points to continue occurring at the completion of each technology maturation stage. The solicitation will be available on DOE/FETC's Internet address at <http://www.fetc.doe.gov/business>. Those

prospective offerors who obtain a copy of the solicitation through the Internet should check the location frequently for any solicitation amendments. Those prospective offerors who request in writing a copy of the solicitation will receive an electronic version of the solicitation on diskette in WordPerfect 6.1 format. Solicitations will not be distributed in paper form. Requests for information concerning the solicitation should be submitted in writing at the address above, by facsimile at 304/285-4683, or by E-mail to raymond.jarr@fetc.doe.gov. All requests should reference the SCAP solicitation number and title, and should include a point-of-contact at the requestor's location. Telephone requests for the solicitation package will not be accepted. The solicitation will be available on or about January 11, 1999. The exact date and time for the submission of proposals will be indicated in the solicitation. However, at least a forty-five day response time is currently planned. It is DOE's desire to encourage the widest participation included the involvement of small business concerns, and small disadvantaged business concerns. However, this procurement is not a partial set-aside. In order to gain the necessary expertise to review proposals, non-Federal personnel may be used as evaluators or advisors in the evaluation of proposals, but will not serve as members of the technical evaluation committee. This particular program is covered by section 3001 and 3002 of the Energy Policy Act (EPAct), 42 U.S.C. 13542 for financial assistance awards. EPAct 3002 requires a cost share commitment of 20 percent from non-Federal sources for research and development projects. In accordance with FAR 52.232-18, "Availability of Funds," funds are not presently available for this procurement. The Government's obligation under this award is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for award purposes can be made.

Dated: December 11, 1998.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-101-000]

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

December 14, 1998.

Take notice that on December 3, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax 22030-1046, filed in Docket No. CP99-101-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.201 and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216(b)) for authorization to abandon by retirement approximately 0.07 mile of 8-inch transmission Line 10036, appurtenances and one point of delivery to Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (CPA), under the blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia states that Line No. 10036, which is located in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, provided service to CPA but has not been used for approximately 2 years and CPA has indicated that it no longer requires this point of delivery. Columbia included in its application a copy of CPA's letter agreeing to the abandonment of the point of delivery.

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 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,**

*Secretary.*

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