

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-168-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 28, 1999.

Take notice that on January 21, 1999, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 filed in Docket No. CP99-168-000 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) seeking NGA Section 7 certification for an existing point of delivery to Mountaineer Gas Company (MGC) in West 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 on file with Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia requests certification to provide this service at an existing point of delivery which was originally authorized under Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) for transportation service. The maximum daily quantity for MGC is 1,500 Dth and the estimated annual quantity is 547,500 Dth and the end use of gas will be industrial.

Columbia constructed the existing point of delivery to MGC in Upshur County, West Virginia, and placed it in service on June 15, 1998. Interconnecting facilities installed by Columbia included a 4-inch tap and valve, 20 feet of 4-inch pipeline, a filter separator and a meter. The cost of constructing the existing point of delivery was \$18,129.

Columbia states that the quantities of natural gas to be provided through the existing point will be within Columbia's authorized level of service. Therefore, there is no impact on Columbia's existing point of delivery for transportation service.

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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of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

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 271]

Entergy Arkansas, Inc; Notice of Availability of Study Reports and Request for Additional Scientific Studies

January 28, 1999.

Entergy Arkansas, Inc. (Entergy) is preparing an application to obtain a new license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the Carpenter-Rommel Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 271). The project is located on the Ouachita River in Garland and Hot Spring Counties, Arkansas.

The Carpenter-Rommel Project's existing license expires on February 28, 2003. Under FERC's regulations, Entergy must file an application for a new license on or before February 28, 2001. Entergy is using FERC's alternative licensing procedures, pursuant to 18 CFR § 4.34(i), and is preparing the license application and applicant prepared environmental assessment (APEA) in cooperation with a term of federal, state and local agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGO), and the public.

Entergy held a public meeting on March 23-24, 1998 to discuss the project, and solicit information from resource agencies and other stakeholders on project issues and alternatives that should be evaluated in the APEA. Following the March meetings, Entergy formed a Relicensing Team, consisting of federal, state and local resource agencies, NGOs, and the public, to help identify and develop study plans for the project issues. Based on the information gathered at the March 1998 meetings and subsequent Relicensing Team meetings, Entergy developed study scopes in cooperation with the Relicensing Team and conducted the resource studies during the summer and fall of 1998.

On August 17, 1998, Entergy published Scoping Document 1 (SD1) and issued a notice of scoping meetings, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). On September 22, 1998, Entergy held a public NEPA scoping meeting at the Clarion Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas, to solicit input on any further issues and project alternatives for evaluation in the APEA. Following the comment period for SD1, Entergy conducted a whitewater boating study on November 7-8, 1998.

The study reports for the studies conducted in the summer and fall 1998 are now available for review and comment. These reports can be reviewed at Entergy's Jones Mill office and the Hot Spring and Garland County Public Libraries from January 27, 1999 to March 27, 1999. A copy of all reports is also available at FERC's Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C.

The public is invited to review these documents and to file comments on the adequacy of these studies in addressing issues raised in the March 1998 public meeting and the September 22, 1998, NEPA scoping meeting. Comments on these studies and requests for any additional studies are due by March 27, 1999. All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

If any resource agency, Indian tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete application and APEA on its merits, the resource agency, Indian tribe, or person must file a request for the study with the Secretary of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 by March 27, 1999. A copy of the request must also be sent to Mr. Henry Jones, Entergy, P.O. Box 218, Jones Mill, AR 72105.

Any comments or recommendations for further studies should include a detailed description of the recommended study and the basis for the study, including the study objectives and how the study and information sought will be useful in furthering the resource goals that are affected by the project. The request should include the amount of time needed for the recommended study and an explanation of why the existing data cannot be used to achieve the study objectives.

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