

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP96-213-009]

**Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Amendment to Application**

March 4, 1999.

Take notice that on February 24, 1999, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), a Delaware corporation, having its principal place of business at 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-1046, an abbreviated application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, to amend its certificates previously issued by the Commission in an Order Denying Rehearing and Issuing Certificates on May 14, 1997, Order Amending Certificate on November 25, 1997, and Order Amending Certificates on June 30, 1998 in Docket Nos. CP96-213-000, *et al.*, Columbia's Market Expansion Project (MEP).

In support of its application, Columbia states that it proposes to make the specific following facility modifications to the 1999 construction previously authorized:

**1.8.1 Laurel Storage Field—Hocking County, Ohio Abandon Well No. 11483.**

Well No. 11483 was approved for enhancement as part of Columbia's 1997 Market Expansion program. After the enhancement activities, salt water began flowing into the well bore. In Columbia's August 11, 1998 request for a variance, Columbia indicated that additional work would be required to stop the water flow. However, upon further consideration, the probability of successfully shutting off the flow water into the well bore, without adversely impacting gas deliverability, is low. In addition, Columbia's evaluation of the overall 1997-98 enhancement program for Laurel indicates that the success of the other enhancement work offsets the loss of this well. Therefore, Well 11483 is no longer needed and Columbia now proposes to plug and abandon the well. If well 11483 is not plugged, the salt water encroachment could possibly affect nearby wells in the storage zone.

**7.27 Artemas A Storage Field—Bedford County, Pennsylvania Abandon 3.2 miles of 16-inch pipeline in association with the approved 6.1 miles of 24-inch Artemas pipeline construction (Project Item 1.1.2).**

Continued evaluation of the project revealed that the section of existing 16-inch to the north of A Field is not needed for future operations, and that installation costs for the new 24-inch could be reduced by utilizing existing trench when the northern section of 16-inch is abandoned and removed. Columbia's proposal to remove the

northern section of 16-inch and use the existing ditch to install the new 24-inch will minimize the difficulty of side hill construction by reducing the need for blasting. Design Day construction by reducing the need for blasting. Design Day flows for the Artemas Field are not affected by the abandonment.

The revised pipeline construction at Artemas results in an approximate decrease of \$500,000 in the estimated Gross Investment for the MEP, from \$256,067,400 to \$255,567,400. The estimated cost of retirement for the proposed abandonments is \$248,500, with salvage estimated to be approximately \$87,800. The resulting net decrease in project costs after salvage is approximately \$339,300.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 25, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 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 proceedings. The Commission's rules require that protesters provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing

list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and 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 a grant of the certificate is 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,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. TM99-2-127-000]

**Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

March 4, 1999.

Take notice that on March 1, 1999, Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership (Cove Point) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1 the following tariff sheet to become effective April 1, 1999.

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 7

Cove Point states that the listed tariff sheet sets forth the restatement and