

information to or for any agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can be made to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent

A. Public reporting burden for collections under the generic clearance are estimated to average 25 minutes per response. The range for burden varies significantly depending on the particular type of testing activity undertaken. The estimated burden for each response includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose and provide the information.

Please comment on (1) the accuracy of the agency's estimate and (2) how the agency could minimize the burden of collecting this information, including the use of information technology.

B. The agency estimates respondents will incur no additional costs for reporting other than the hours required to complete the collection. What is estimated: (1) total dollar amount annualized for capital and start-up costs; and (2) recurring annual costs of operation and maintenance, and purchase of services associated with these data collections?

C. Does any other Federal, state, or local agency collect similar information? If so, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the method of collection.

As a Potential User

A. Are there alternate sources for the information and are they useful? If so, what are their deficiencies and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-235-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

March 10, 1999.

Take notice that on March 3, 1999, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146, filed in Docket No. CP99-235-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate the facilities necessary to establish an additional point of delivery to an existing customer, 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. The application may be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Columbia states that the estimated cost to establish the new point of delivery is approximately \$150 and will be treated as an O&M expense. The name of the customer is Mountaineer Gas Company (MGC). The location of the new point of delivery is in Wetzel County, West Virginia. The estimated quantities of natural gas to be delivered at the new point of delivery is 1.5 Dth/Day-150 Dth/Annually. The end use of the gas is residential.

Columbia states that the new point of delivery will have no effect on its peak day and annual deliveries, that its existing tariff does not prohibit the addition of new delivery points, and that deliveries will be accomplished without detriment or disadvantage to its other customers and that the total volumes delivered will not exceed total volumes authorized prior to this request.

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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. Docket No. EL99-43-00]

New York Power Pool; Notice of Filing of Petition for Waiver

March 5, 1999.

Take notice that on February 26, 1999, the Member Systems of the New York Power Pool (NYPP) filed a petition for a waiver of compliance with Version 1.3 of the OASIS Standards and Communications Protocols (S&CP Document), due to be implemented by March 1, 1999.¹

NYPP argues that it is engaged in efforts to: (1) Convert its entire computer based system (including OASIS) to the requirements for a New York Independent System Operator (NY ISO); (2) implement its locational based marginal pricing proposals; and (3) prepare for Y2K problems. NYPP argues that it should be given a waiver from the requirement to comply with Version 1.3 of the OASIS S&CP Document until the NY ISO becomes operational and an OASIS specific to its restructuring process can be brought on line.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before March 22, 1999. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://>

¹ Open Access Same-Time Information System and Standards of Conduct, 84 FERC ¶61,329 at 62,474 (1998).