

will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-616-000]

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

September 17, 1999.

Take Notice that on September 10, 1999, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon by sale Gatherco, Inc. (Gatherco), certain pipeline facilities, known as the Gatherco II facilities, located in Ohio and abandonment approval for the various services provided through the subject facilities to be sold, all as more fully set forth in the application may be viewed on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm](http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm). Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Specifically, Columbia proposes to abandon by sale to Gatherco approximately 200 miles of pipeline ranging from 2-12 inches in diameter and from 0.0022 to 29.6809 miles in length, and ancillary facilities. Columbia proposes to sell the Gatherco II facilities for negotiated amount of \$3,750,000, the payment associated with the certificated facilities is \$3,355,000. The net book cost of the certificated facilities is \$3,723,000. According to Columbia, Gatherco will assume the obligation to operate the Gatherco II facilities to gather the natural gas produced by Columbia's existing customers. Also, Gatherco has further agreed to provide services to Columbia's existing customers on terms and conditions acceptable to both Gatherco and the customers. Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (COH) has agreed, according to Columbia, to the abandonment of the service currently being provided COH for service to mainline tap consumers. Columbia contends that Gatherco will

continue service to COH, so that COH can continue to serve those consumers.

In addition to the subject facilities, Columbia states that it plans to sell to Gatherco various non-jurisdictional facilities consisting of 0.13 miles of 2-inch and 3-inch pipeline located in Ohio. Columbia notes that concurrently with this application, Gatherco is filing a Petition for a Declaratory Order requesting that the Commission find that the facilities, upon their transfer to Gatherco, will constitute non-jurisdictional gathering facilities exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to NAG Section 1(b).

Any person desiring to be heard or to make a protest with reference to said application should, on or before October 8, 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 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 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 if 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 Applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7918-003]

#### Robert R. Conner; Notice of Site Visit to Walker Mill Hydroelectric Project

September 17, 1999.

Take notice that Commission staff will hold a site visit with Robert R. Conner, exemptee for the constructed Walker Mill Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 7918-003. The project is located on the West Prong Little Pigeon River off Highway 441, approximately three miles south of Sevierville, in Sevier County, TN. The site visit will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 1999, from approximately 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The purpose of the visit is to enable Commission staff responsible for preparing the environmental assessment (EA) of the proposed surrender of exemption to view the existing dam, reservoir, and nearby areas. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend the site visit.

Participants will meet at the parking lot adjacent to the project powerhouse, located near the trailer park on Park Road. Participants should provide their own transportation to and from the site.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Jim Haimes, EA Coordinator for the Commission, at (202) 219-2780.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-617-000]

#### Gatherco, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

September 17, 1999.

Take notice that on September 10, 1999, Gatherco, Inc. (Gatherco), 6273 Frank Avenue, North Canton, Ohio 44720, filed a petition pursuant to Section 207(a)(2) of the Commission's Regulations requesting that the Commission issue an order disclaiming jurisdiction under Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act for the subject facilities to be acquired from Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), known as the Gatherco II facilities, located in Ohio, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file