

Montgomery Counties, Arkansas, 13 miles west of Hot Springs. DeGray Lake is located on the Caddo River in Clark and Hot Spring Counties, Arkansas, 8 miles north of Arkadelphia.

Lake Greeson was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 18 August 1941, Public Law 228, 77th Congress, 1st Session, as amended by the Flood Control Act of 22 December 1944. It is now officially named "Narrows Dam-Lake Greeson." Lake Ouachita was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 22 December 1944, Public Law 534, 78th Congress, Chapter 655, 2nd Session, House Report No. 4485, which adopted the plan as set forth in House Document No. 647. It is now officially "Blakely Mountain Dam-Lake Ouachita." DeGray Lake was authorized by Congress in the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1950.

The authorized purposes of Lake Greeson and Lake Ouachita are flood control and hydroelectric power production. This authority was amended by Section 4 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 to include public recreation on these projects. Authority to construct, maintain, and operate public parks and recreational facilities at water resource development projects under the control of the Department of the Army was granted under section 207 of the Flood Control Act of 1962. The authorized purposes of DeGray Lake are flood control, hydroelectric power, water supply, navigation, and recreation. Lake Greeson became operational in 1950; Lake Ouachita became operational in 1953; and DeGray Lake was placed into operation in 1972.

The FEIS for Operation and Maintenance, Lake Greeson, lake Ouachita, and DeGray Lake, Arkansas, was completed by the Corps in September 1977. The proposed action will evaluate the environmental impacts of Corps continued conduct of operation and maintenance activities in support of the authorized project purposes for the lakes.

The significant issues tentatively identified for evaluation of the environmental impacts of operation and maintenance activities include (1) impacts of flood control storage, (2) impacts of hydroelectric generation, (3) impacts to water supply storage, and (4) impacts to resource management, including concession expansions.

The National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR part 1501.7) requires all Federal agencies preparing EIS's to conduct a process termed "scoping." This scoping process determines the issues to be addressed and identifies the significant issues related to a proposed action. To accomplish this, public

scoping meetings are tentatively scheduled to be held in Arkansas in September 2000. The Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, and Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will be invited to become cooperating agencies. All interested agencies, groups, tribes, and individuals will be sent copies of the Draft Supplemental EIS and FEIS.

The Draft Supplemental EIS is scheduled to be completed in October 2001.

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*Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-438-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Filing

August 18, 2000.

Take notice that on August 14, 2000, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) filed an application requesting permission under NGA Section 7(b) to abandon by sale 3.54 BCF of base gas located in Columbia's Storage system. 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.

It is stated that operational efficiencies within various Storage Fields have reduced Columbia's need to maintain the historic levels of base gas. The disposition of proceeds from the proposed sale of the base gas will be made pursuant to Section C, of Article IV, of Stipulation II of the Settlement in Docket No. RP95-408 Columbia Gas Transmission Corp., 79 FERC Paragraph 61,044 (1997). This settlement defines future additional sales of base gas no longer needed by Columbia as a result of more efficient operation of its storage fields. Columbia will comply with the annual reporting requirements provided for in Section D of Article IV.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 or 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR Section 385.211 or Section 385.214). All such motions to

intervene or protest should be filed on or before September 8, 2000. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. 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.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-434-000]

#### Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Application

August 18, 2000.

Take notice that on August 9, 2000, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf), 2603 Augusta, Suite 125, Houston, Texas 77057-5637, filed in Docket No. CP00-434-000 an application pursuant to Sections 7(c) and 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval for Columbia Gulf to construct and operate certain replacement natural gas facilities and to abandon the facilities being replaced due to the age and condition of the facilities, located in Powell County, Kentucky, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Columbia Gulf proposes to construct and operate one 14,470 horsepower (HP) compressor unit and appurtenances and abandon one 12,050 HP compressor unit and appurtenances, located in Powell County, Kentucky.

Columbia Gulf states that the unit proposed for replacement, designated as Columbia Gulf's Unit 105, is part of their Stanton Compressor Station, which currently consists of six compressor units. Columbia Gulf asserts that the unit is a Pratt and Whitney GG3C-1 gas turbine unit with a rating of 12,050 HP, constructed and placed in service in 1964, under the authority granted in Docket No. CP64-1.

Columbia Gulf states that due to the age of the unit, replacement parts are not readily available, making repairs and maintenance difficult. Columbia

declares that due to its age, obsolescence, and deterioration, replacement is required in order to ensure safe, reliable operation and service to Columbia Gulf's existing customers at current levels.

Columbia Gulf proposes to replace the existing compressor unit with a Solar Mars 100-T15000S turbine driven compressor unit, to be designated as Columbia Gulf's Unit 108, with a rating of 14,470 HP. Columbia Gulf asserts that the construction of the new unit will be within the existing compressor station site and the replacement will not change the design day/certificated capacity of 2,156,334 Mmcf/d winter, and 2,056,334 Mmcf/d summer.

Columbia Gulf states that the proposed construction is estimated to cost \$13,000,000 and the associated net debit to accumulated provision for depreciation for the abandonment is \$1,702,000. Columbia Gulf asserts that upon completion of the construction, the existing unit will be removed. Columbia Gulf states that the proposed age and condition replacement qualifies for rolled-in rate treatment under the Commission's *Pricing Policy for New and Existing Facilities Constructed by Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, 71 FERC Paragraph 61,241 (1995) (Pricing Policy Statement) as interpreted by the Commission in *Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.*, 75 FERC Paragraph 61,158 (1996). Therefore, Columbia Gulf requests all project costs should be permitted rolled-in treatment in Columbia Gulf's next rate case.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Lee M. Beckett, Counsel at (713) 267-4741 (voice) and (713) 267-4755 (telecopier), Columbia Gulf Transmission Company, 2603 Augusta, Suite 125, Houston, Texas 77057-5637.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said Application should on or before September 8, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 18 CFR 385.214) 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. 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 Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the 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 petition 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 abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition 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

[Docket No. RP00-389-001]

#### Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership; Notice of Tariff Filing

August 18, 2000.

Take notice that on August 15, 2000, Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership (Cove Point) tendered for filing Substitute Original Sheet No. 7 to Second Revised Volume No. 1 of its FERC Gas Tariff. The proposed effective date of the enclosed tariff sheet is June 14, 2000.

Cove Point states that the purpose of the instant filing is to replace the tariff sheet accepted by a letter order issued August 8, 2000 which was inadvertently filed in the referenced docket without reflecting Cove Point's fuel retainage percentages accepted by the letter order issued March 24, 2000 in Docket No. RP00-210-000. In order to reflect the correct fuel retainage percentages, Cove Point is submitting Substitute Original Sheet No. 7 to replace the current effective Original Sheet No. 7.

Cove Point respectfully requests that the Commission grant a waiver of the notice requirements in Section 154.207 of its regulations, and any other waivers that may be necessary, in order that the tariff sheets be made effective as proposed herein.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 154.23(d) of the Commission's Regulations, copies of this filing are available for public inspection, during regular business hours, in a convenient form and place at Cove Point's main office at 2800 Post Oak Boulevard in Houston, Texas.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests 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. CP00-437-000]

#### El Paso Natural Gas Company; Application

August 18, 2000.

Take notice that on August 11, 2000, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), a Delaware corporation, whose mailing address is Post Office Box 1492, El Paso, Texas, 79978, filed an application at Docket No. CP00-437-000, pursuant to Sections 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Sections 157.7, et seq., of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Regulations under the NGA, for permission and approval to transfer to El Paso Field Services Company (Field Services) certain existing compression facilities, with appurtenant facilities, and the related service at the Waha Compressor Station located in Reeves County, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222).