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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-439-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Delaware Valley Energy Expansion Project

March 14, 2002.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) in the above referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed facilities in Chester and Delaware Counties, Pennsylvania and Gloucester, County, New Jersey. These facilities would consist of the abandonment of 8.84 miles of 10-inch-diameter pipeline and 0.30 mile of 14-inch-diameter pipeline and replacement with 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Columbia would construct 5.10 miles of 20-inch-diameter loop in Delaware County, and 9.62 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline and a meter station in Gloucester County, New Jersey. Columbia would also install a 6,000 horsepower compressor at both its existing Eagle and Downingtown Compressor Stations in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

The facilities would supply 165,000 dekatherms per day of gas to the Mantua Creek Power Plant presently under construction in Gloucester County, New Jersey.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

1. Send two copies of your comments to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;

2. Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas 1, PJ-11.1;

3. Reference Docket No. CP01-439-000; and

4. Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 12, 2002.

Comments may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm> under the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account".

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentator a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).¹ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs

¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

at (202) 208-0004 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select

"Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis, Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

March 14, 2002.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* Amended application for new license.
- b. *Project No.:* 1354-005.
- c. *Date filed:* July 28, 2001.
- d. *Applicant:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

- e. *Name of Project:* Crane Valley.
- f. *Location:* On Willow Creek, North Fork Willow Creek, South Fork Willow Creek, Chilkoot Creek, and Chiquito Creek within the San Joaquin River Basin. The project is in Madera and Fresno counties near the town of Oakhurst, California.

The project includes 738.11 acres of federal lands within the Sierra National Forest.

- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).

- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. James Holeman (415) 973-6891 or Mr. Nicholas Markevich, 245 Market Street, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, CA 94117, (415) 973-5358.

- i. *FERC Contact:* Jim Fargo at (202) 219-2848; e-mail james.fargo@ferc.fed.us