

- Label one copy of your comments for the attention of DG2E, Gas Branch 1, (PJ-11.1, Room 62-49); and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 10, 2003. This is also the deadline for receipt of comments from the March 14, 2003 notice.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. Therefore, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper and save it to a file on your hard drive. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing."

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Mailing List Retention Form included in appendix 3. Anyone who returned a similar form in response to the March 14, 2003 notice, does not need to return the form again. If you did not return the form in response to either this notice or the March 14, 2003 notice, you will be taken off the mailing list.

The transcripts from CPG's open house meetings are available for public review in the PF-docket. Because the Commission received only a few written comments on the project in response to the March 14 notice, the Commission staff will not hold additional public scoping meetings at this time. However, we will conduct public meetings in the project area to receive comments on the draft EIS after it is issued.

Becoming an Intervenor

Also discussed in the March 14, 2003 notice is the Commission's intervention process. As an "intervenor" you can play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the

Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214; see appendix 2).⁷ 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 that would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Availability of Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208 FERC (3372) or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). Using the "FERRIS" link, select "General Search" from the FERRIS menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" (i.e., PF03-1-000 and CP03-302-000), and follow the instructions. Searches may also be done using the phrase "Cheyenne Plains" in the "Text Search" field. For assistance with access to FERRIS, the helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The FERRIS link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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⁷ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP03-300-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Laurel Storage Field Pipeline Abandonment and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

June 10, 2003.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Laurel Storage Field Pipeline Abandonment proposed by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) in Hocking County, Ohio.¹ Columbia proposes to abandon in place approximately 1.3 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline that is no longer in use. The one storage well that was connected to the pipe segment proposed for abandonment was connected to a short crossover line built in 2002 pursuant to Columbia's Blanket Certificate. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Columbia wants to abandon certain facilities in Hocking County, Ohio. Columbia seeks authority to abandon:

- Approximately 1.3 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline, in place;
- Remove three service tap risers from previously relocated residential taps;
- Remove the road casing and carrier pipe segment under State Route 374; and
- Cut and cap each end of the abandoned pipe segment.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

¹ Columbia's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the *Federal Register*. Copies of all appendices, other than appendix 1 (maps), are available on the Commission's Web site at the "FERRIS" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to FERRIS refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

Land Requirements for Construction

Abandonment of the proposed facilities would require disturbance of about 0.02 acre of land. Three small dig-outs (4 × 4 × 4 feet each) are proposed to remove risers from previously relocated residential taps. The road casing and carrier pipe segment under and across State Route 374 would be removed, requiring two disturbance areas of 40 × 10 × 4 feet and 15 × 10 × 4 feet. The line would be cut and capped at each end of the abandonment, requiring two disturbance areas of 10 × 10 × 10 feet each. The 0.02 acre of land would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use. Columbia does not propose to abandon the right-of-way.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us³ to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as “scoping”. The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- land use
- Water resources and fisheries
- cultural resources
- Vegetation and wildlife
- air quality and noise
- Endangered and threatened species
- Public safety

We will not discuss impacts to the following resource areas since they are not present in the project area, or would not be affected by the proposed facilities.

- Wetlands
- Hazardous waste

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or

portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission’s official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 3.
- Reference Docket No. CP03–300–000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 10, 2003.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission’s Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the “e-Filing” link and the link to the User’s Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be

created by clicking on “Login to File” and then “New User Account.”

We may mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (appendix 4). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an “intervenor”. Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission’s service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).⁴ 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 environmental comments considered.

Environmental Mailing List

This notice is being sent to individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. It is also being sent to all identified right-of-way grantors. By this notice we are also asking governmental agencies to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EA.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs, at 1–866–208–FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the FERRIS link. Click on the FERRIS link, enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For

³ “We”, “us”, and “our” refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

⁴ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659. The FERRIS link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. DI03-3-000]

Notice of Declaration of Intention and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

June 10, 2003.

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

- a. *Application Type:* Declaration of Intention.
- b. *Docket No:* DI03-3-000.
- c. *Date Filed:* May 23, 2003.
- d. *Applicant:* Board of Public Works, Borough of Park Ridge, New Jersey.
- e. *Name of Project:* Borough of Park Ridge Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* The Borough of Park Ridge Hydroelectric Project would be located on Pascack Brook at the existing Mill Pond Dam in the Borough of Park Ridge in Bergen County, New Jersey. The project will not occupy Federal land.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 817(b).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. William Beattie, Director of Operations, Borough of Park Ridge, 53 Park Avenue, Park Ridge, NJ 07656, telephone (201) 391-2129, FAX (201) 391-7130.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Diane M. Murray (202) 502-8838, or E-mail address: diane.murray@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments and/or motions:* July 18, 2003.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. Any questions, please contact the Secretary's Office. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>

Please include the docket number (DI03-3-000) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed Borough of Park Ridge Hydroelectric Project would consist of: (1) An existing reservoir with a normal storage capacity of 22 acre-feet and a surface area of about 7 acres; (2) an 18-foot-high dam consisting of two concrete overflow spillways and an emergency spillway, including a long earthen section; (3) a powerhouse containing one generating unit, with a total rated capacity of 15 kW; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The project will not be connected to the local utility or any other power company.

When a Declaration of Intention is filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Power Act requires the Commission to investigate and determine if the interests of interstate or foreign commerce would be affected by the project. The Commission also determines whether or not the project: (1) Would be located on a navigable waterway; (2) would occupy or affect public lands or reservations of the United States; (3) would utilize surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) if applicable, has involved or would involve any construction subsequent to 1935 that may have increased or would increase the project's head or generating capacity, or have otherwise significantly modified the project's pre-1935 design or operation.

l. *Locations of the Application:* Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Docket Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *Agency Comments:* Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent To File Application for a New License

June 10, 2003.

Take notice that the following notice of intent has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of filing:* Notice of Intent to File an Application for New License.
- b. *Project No:* 946.
- c. *Date filed:* April 28, 2003.
- d. *Submitted By:* Hyrum City, UT.
- e. *Name of Project:* Hyrum City Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Blacksmith Fork River, near the the City of Hyrum, Cache County, Utah, on