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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-34-000]

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

December 19, 2003.

Take notice that Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146, filed in Docket No. CP04-34-000 on December 16, 2003, an application pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, to abandon and construct and operate pipeline facilities in Pennsylvania, 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 also viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or TTY, (202) 208-1659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to counsel for Columbia, Fredric J. George, at (304) 357-2359, fax (304) 357-3206.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before January 9, 2004, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to

obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

Comments, protests and interventions may 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 web site under the "e-Filing" link.

*Comment Date:* January 9, 2003.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2493-006]

#### Puget Sound Energy, Inc.; Notice of Technical Meeting To Discuss Additional Information Filed With Regards to the Pending License Application

December 19, 2003.

a. *Date and Time of Meeting:* Tuesday, January 20, 2004, at 11 a.m. eastern standard time.

b. *Place:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC. To participate by phone, see item (f).

c. *FERC Contact:* Nicholas Jayjack, 202-502-6073 or [Nicholas.Jayjack@ferc.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Jayjack@ferc.gov).

d. *Purpose of Meeting:* Puget Sound Energy (Puget) has requested a meeting with Commission staff to discuss Puget's "Summary of Proposed License Elements" filed with the Commission on December 9, 2003, for the Snoqualmie Falls Hydroelectric Project. The project is located on the Snoqualmie River in Snoqualmie, Washington.

e. *Proposed Agenda:* (1) Introduction of participants; (2) Puget Sound Energy's presentation on the purpose of the meeting; (3) Discussion; and (4) Meeting Wrap-up.

f. All local, State, and Federal agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties and individuals are invited to participate either in person or by telephone. Please RSVP Nicholas Jayjack at [Nicholas.Jayjack@ferc.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Jayjack@ferc.gov) by no later than January 14, 2004, and indicate how you will participate