

information is necessary for the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of sections 4, 5, and 16 of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. 717c-717o, Public Law 75-688, 52 Stat. 822 and 830 and Title III of the NGPA, 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432, Public Law 95-621.

#### Capacity Reports

On April 4, 1992, in Order No. 636, the Commission established a capacity release mechanism under which shippers could release firm transportation and storage capacity on either a short or long term basis to other shippers wanting to obtain capacity. Pipelines posted available firm and interruptible capacity information on their electronic bulletin boards (EBBs) to inform potential shippers. On September 11, 1992, in Order No. 636-A, the Commission determined, through staff audits, that the efficiency of the capacity release mechanism could be enhanced by standardizing the content and format of capacity release information and the methods by which shippers access this information, posted to EBBs.

On April 4, 1995, through Order 577 (RM95-5-000), the Commission amended §284.243(h) of its regulations to allow shippers the ability to release capacity without having to comply with the Commission's advance posting and bidding requirements.

To create greater substitution between different forms of capacity and to enhance competition across the pipeline grid, on February 25, 2000, in Order No. 637 RM98-10-000), the Commission revised its capacity release regulations regarding scheduling, segmentation and flexible point rights, penalties, and reporting requirements. This resulted in more reliable capacity information availability and price data that shippers needed to make informed decisions in a competitive market as well as to improve shipper's and the Commission's availability to monitor marketplace behavior.

#### Index of Customers

In Order 581, issued September 28, 1995, the Commission established the Index of Customers (IOC) information requirement. The Index of Customers had two functions, first, for analyzing capacity held on pipelines and second, for providing capacity information to the market. The Index of Customers information aids the capacity release system by enabling shippers to identify and locate those holding capacity rights that the shippers may want to acquire. The information was required to be posted on the pipeline's EBB and filed

on electronic media with the Commission. This first Index contained, for all firm customers under contract as of the first day of the calendar quarter, the full legal name of the shipper, the rate schedule number for which service is contracted, the contract effective and expiration dates, and the contract quantities.

In Order 637, the Commission required the following additional information: the receipt and delivery points held under contract and the zones or segments in which the capacity is held; the common transaction point codes; the contract number; a shipper identification number, such as DUNS; an indication whether the contract includes negotiated rates; the names of any agents or asset managers that control capacity in a pipeline rate zone; and any affiliate relationship between the pipeline and the holder of capacity. The Index is now provided through a quarterly filing on electronic media to the Commission and is posted on pipelines' Internet Web sites.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises 103 companies (on average) subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Capacity reports: 179,838 hours/2080 work hours per year × \$122,137 = \$10,560,035; Index of Customers (IOC): 1,236 hours/2080 work hours per year × \$122,137 = \$72,578 Total Costs = \$10,632,613. The estimated annual cost per respondent is: Capacity Reports: \$102,525; Index of Customers: \$705.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 181,074 total hours, 103 respondents (average), 6 (Capacity Reports), 4 (Index of Customers) responses per respondent, and 291 (Capacity Reports), 3 (Index of Customers) hours per response (rounded off and average time)

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to respondents:* 181,074 hours/2080 hours per years × \$122,137 per year = \$10,560,035. The cost per respondent is equal to \$102,525; Index of Customers: \$705.

**Statutory Authority:** Statutory provisions of sections 4, 5 and 16 Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. 717c-717o.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filing

June 20, 2007.

Take notice that on June 18, 2007, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, with an effective date of August 1, 2007:

Seventh Revised Sheet No. 538

First Revised Sheet No. 538A

Third Revised Sheet No. 540

Columbia states that it is making this filing in compliance with the Commission's Order in this docket, issued June 5, 2007.

Any person desiring to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Protests to this filing 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. Such protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing a protest must serve a copy of that document on all the parties to the proceeding.

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This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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