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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management and related activities.

#### *Tentative Agenda:*

- Call to Order, Introductions, Review of Agenda.
- Approval of May Minutes.
- Deputy Designated Federal Officer's Comments.

- Federal Coordinator's Comments.
- Liaisons' Comments.
- Administrative Issues:
  - Subcommittee Updates.
  - Recommendation on Baseline

#### Funding Support.

- Motions.

■ First reading of amendment to the Operating Procedures.

- Public Comments.
- Final Comments.
- Adjourn.

Breaks taken as appropriate.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Portsmouth, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Joel Bradburne at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Joel Bradburne at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Joel Bradburne at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following website: <http://www.ports-sab.org/publicmeetings.html>.

Issued at Washington, DC on August 11, 2010.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, September 8, 2010, 6 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** DOE Information Center, 475 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia J. Halsey, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. Phone (865) 576-4025; Fax (865) 576-2347 or e-mail: [halseypj@oro.doe.gov](mailto:halseypj@oro.doe.gov) or check the Web site at <http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

*Tentative Agenda:* The main meeting presentation will be on DOE-Oak Ridge long-term stewardship activities.

*Public Participation:* The EM SSAB, Oak Ridge, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Patricia J. Halsey at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to the agenda item should contact Patricia J. Halsey at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will

be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Patricia J. Halsey at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab/minutes.htm>.

Issued at Washington, DC on August 11, 2010.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. IC10-917-001 and IC10-918-001]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-917 and FERC-918)<sup>1</sup>; Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

August 12, 2010.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) has submitted the information collections described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 30008, 5/28/2010) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-917 and FERC-918 and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This Notice in Docket Nos. IC10-917 and IC10-918 and the corresponding clearance package and request to OMB for a three-year extension of the existing regulations are separate activities from pending Docket No. RM10-23 and the associated OMB clearance package.

FERC has a separate, pending Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) in Docket No. RM10-23, that includes proposals affecting the FERC-917. The NOPR in Docket No. RM10-23 and the corresponding OMB clearance package were submitted to OMB (ICR No. 201006-1902-001) for review on 6/30/2010. Comments on Docket No. RM10-23 should be submitted in that docket.

**DATES:** Comments on the collections of information are due by September 17, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments on the collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, c/o [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov) and include OMB Control Number 1902-0233 for reference. For comments that pertain to only one of the collections, specify the appropriate collection. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at 202-395-4638.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and should refer to Docket Nos. IC10-917-001 and IC10-918-001. (If comments apply to only one of the collections, indicate the docket and the collection number.) Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission submission guidelines. Complete filing instructions and acceptable filing formats are available at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide/electronic-media.asp>. To file the document electronically, access the Commission's Web site and click on Documents & Filing, E-Filing (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>), and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments.

For paper filings, the comments should be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, and should refer to Docket Nos. IC10-917-001 and IC10-918-001.

Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in FERC Docket Numbers IC10-917 and IC10-918 may do so through eSubscription at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp>. All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the "eLibrary" link. For user assistance, contact [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or call toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Brown may be reached by e-mail at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), by telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 17, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 890 to address and remedy opportunities for undue discrimination under the pro forma Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) adopted in 1996 by Order No. 888.<sup>2</sup>

Through Order No. 890, the Commission:

(1) Adopted pro forma OATT provisions necessary to keep imbalance charges closely related to incremental costs;

(2) Increased nondiscriminatory access to the grid by requiring public utilities, working through the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), to develop consistent methodologies for available transfer capability (ATC) calculation and to publish those methodologies to increase transparency.

(3) Required an open, transparent, and coordinated transmission planning process, thereby increasing the ability of customers to access new generating resources and promote efficient utilization of transmission.

(4) Required both the transmission provider's merchant function and network customers to include a statement with each application for network service or to designate a new network resource that attests, for each network resource identified, that the transmission customer owns or has committed to purchase the designated network resource and the designated network resource complies with the requirements for designated network resources.

(5) Gave the right to customers to request from transmission providers studies addressing congestion and/or integration of new resource loads in areas of the transmission system where they have encountered transmission problems due to congestion or where they believe upgrades and other investments may be necessary to reduce

<sup>2</sup> *Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-discriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities; Recovery of Stranded Costs by Public Utilities and Transmitting Utilities*, Order No. 888, 61 FR 21540 (May 10, 1996), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,036 (1996), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 888-A, 62 FR 12274 (Mar. 14, 1997), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,048 (1997), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 888-B, 81 FERC ¶ 61,248 (1997), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 888-C, 82 FERC ¶ 61,046 (1998), *aff'd in relevant part sub nom. Transmission Access Policy Study Group v. FERC*, 225 F.3d 667 (D.C. Cir. 2000), *aff'd sub nom. New York v. FERC*, 535 U.S. 1 (2002).

congestion and to integrate new resources. The network customer includes this attestation in the customer's comment section of the request when it confirms the request on the Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS).

(6) Required with regard to capacity reassignment that: (a) All sales or assignments of capacity be conducted through or otherwise posted on the transmission provider's OASIS on or before the date the reassigned service commences; (b) assignees of transmission capacity execute a service agreement prior to the date on which the reassigned service commences; and (c) transmission providers aggregate and summarize in an electric quarterly report the data contained in these service agreements.

(7) Adopted an operational penalties annual filing that provides information regarding the penalty revenue the transmission provider has received and distributed.

(8) Required creditworthiness information to be included in a transmission provider's OATT. Attachment L must specify the qualitative and quantitative criteria that the transmission provider uses to determine the level of secured and unsecured credit required.

The Commission required a NERC/NAESB<sup>3</sup> team to draft and review Order No. 890 reliability standards and business practices. The team was to solicit comment from each utility on developed standards and practices and utilities were to implement each, after Commission approval. Public utilities, working through NERC, were to revise reliability standards to require the exchange of data and coordination among transmission providers and, working through NAESB, were to develop complementary business practices.

Required OASIS postings included:

(1) Explanations for changes in ATC values;

(2) Capacity benefit margin (CBM) reevaluations and quarterly postings;

(3) OASIS metrics and accepted/denied requests;

(4) Planning redispatch offers and reliability redispatch data;

(5) Curtailment data;

(6) Planning and system impact studies;

(7) Metrics for system impact studies; and

(8) All rules.

Incorporating the Order No. 890 standards into the Commission's

<sup>3</sup> NAESB is the North American Energy Standards Board.

regulations benefits wholesale electric customers by streamlining utility business practices, transactional processes, and OASIS procedures, and by adopting a formal ongoing process for reviewing and upgrading the Commission's OASIS standards and other electric industry business practices. These practices and procedures benefit from the implementation of generic industry standards.

The Commission's Order No. 890 regulations can be found in 18 CFR 35.28 (pro forma tariff requirements),

and 37.6 and 37.7 (OASIS requirements).

*Action:* The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current FERC-917 and FERC-918 reporting requirements, with no change.

*Burden Statement:* FERC-917 and FERC-918 are both included in OMB Control Number 1902-0233. The estimated annual public reporting burdens for FERC-917 (requirements in 18 CFR 35.28) and FERC-918 (requirements in 18 CFR 37.6 and 37.7) are reduced from the original estimates made three years ago. The reductions

are due to the incorporation and completion of: (1) One-time pro forma tariff changes by utilities in existence at that time; (2) completed development and comment solicitation of the required NERC/NAESB reliability standards and business practices; and (3) the transfer of burden associated with the implementation of some of the NERC/NAESB business practices, in Order No. 729, issued November 11, 2009,<sup>4</sup> to the Commission's FERC-725A information collection (OMB Control Number 1902-0244). The estimated annual figures follow.

FERC Information collection	Annual number of respondents (1)	Average number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1) × (2) × (3)
<b>18 CFR 35.28 (FERC-917)</b>				
Conforming tariff changes .....	6	1	25	150
Revision of Imbalance Charges .....	6	1	5	30
ATC revisions .....	6	1	40	240
Planning (Attachment K) .....	134	1	100	13,400
Congestion studies .....	134	1	300	40,200
Attestation of network resource commitment .....	134	1	1	134
Capacity reassignment .....	134	1	100	13,400
Operational Penalty annual filing .....	134	1	10	1,340
Creditworthiness—include criteria in the tariff .....	6	1	40	240
FERC-917—Sub Total Part 35 .....				69,134
<b>18 CFR 37.6 &amp; 37.7 (FERC-918)</b>				
ATC-related standards:				
NERC/NAESB Team to develop .....	0	0	0	0
Review and comment by utility .....	0	0	0	0
Implementation by each utility <sup>4</sup> .....	0	0	0	40
Mandatory data exchanges .....	134	1	80	10,720
Explanation of change of ATC values .....	134	1	100	13,400
Reevaluate CBM and post quarterly .....	134	1	20	2,680
Post OASIS metrics; requests accepted/denied .....	134	1	90	12,060
Post planning redispatch offers and reliability redispatch data .....	134	1	20	2,680
Post curtailment data .....	134	1	10	1,340
Post Planning and System Impact Studies .....	134	1	5	670
Posting of metrics for System Impact Studies .....	134	1	100	13,400
Post all rules to OASIS .....	134	1	5	670
FERC-918—Sub Total of Part 37 Reporting Requirements ...				57,620
FERC-918—Recordkeeping Requirements .....	134	1	40	5,360
FERC-918—Sub Total of Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements .....				62,980
Total FERC-917 and FERC-918 (Part 35 + Part 37, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements) .....				132,114

Total combined annual burden for FERC-917 and FERC-918 is 132,114 hours (126,754 reporting hours + 5,360

recordkeeping hours). This is a reduction of 24,922 hours from the

combined FERC-917 and FERC-918 burden OMB previously approved.

<sup>4</sup> Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Calculation of Available Transfer Capability, Capacity Benefit Margins, Transmission Reliability Margins, Total Transfer Capability, and Existing Transmission Commitments and Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System,

Order No. 729, 74 FR 64884 (Dec. 3, 2009) 129 FERC ¶ 61,155.

The FERC-725A requirements (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System, which now includes the utilities' implementation) are separate and are not a subject of this Notice in

Docket Nos. IC10-917 and IC10-918. The FERC-725A reporting and recordkeeping requirements in Order 729 (Docket No. RM08-19, et al.) were approved by OMB (in ICR Number 200912-1902-005) on 3/12/2010.

Total combined estimated annual cost for FERC-917 and FERC-918 is \$21,941,076.<sup>5</sup> This includes:

(1) Reporting costs of \$14,449,956; (126,754 hours @ \$114 an hour (average cost of attorney (\$200 per hour), consultant (\$150), technical (\$80), and administrative support (\$25)) and (2) Recordkeeping (labor and storage) costs of \$7,491,120 (labor = \$91,120 [for 5,360 hours × \$17/hour (file/record clerk @ \$17 an hour)] and off-site storage costs = \$7,400,000 (8,000 sq. ft. × \$925/sq. ft.)).

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to the collections of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collections of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of

appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP10-479-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Application

August 12, 2010.

Take notice that on August 5, 2010, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 5151 San Felipe, Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77056, filed in Docket No. CP10-479-000 an application, pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), for permission and approval to abandon by transfer and by sale certain natural gas facilities located in Pennsylvania and West Virginia and to abandon the services being provided through these facilities. Columbia also requests that the Commission find certain facilities, when sold, as exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to section 1(c) of the NGA, as more fully set forth in the application which is open to public inspection. The filing may also be 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, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

Columbia proposes to: (1) Abandon by transfer to NiSource Midstream Services, LLC (NMS), a non-jurisdictional affiliate of Columbia, on its Line 1528 approximately 3.8 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline and appurtenances in Marshall County, West Virginia, and Greene County, Pennsylvania, at their net book value of \$2,700,000; (2) transfer measurement facilities in Marshall County to NMS; (3) abandon by sale to Texas Eastern Transmission, L.P. (Texas Eastern), approximately 2 miles of 16-inch pipeline on Columbia's Line 1528 in Marshall County and Greene County; and (4) seek a determination that NMS' acquired segment of Line 1528 would be part of the upstream gathering system

and exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction under the NGA. Columbia states that no construction or removal of facilities would be required in this proposal.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Frederic J. George, Senior Counsel, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273, or via telephone at (304) 357-2359 and facsimile number (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 the comment date stated below, 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 seven 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.

<sup>5</sup> Using the hourly rate figures of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, occupational series and market rates as applicable, the hourly rate is a composite of the respondents who will be responsible for implementing and responding to the collection of information (support staff, engineering, and legal).