Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on December 19, 2012, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), 5151 San Felipe, Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77056, filed a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.210, and 157.216(b) of the Commission’s regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to abandon and relocate a compressor from its Adaline Compressor Station located in Marshall County, WV to its Seneca Compressor Station located in Pendleton County, WV. Columbia also seeks authorization to abandon by removal an existing 6,200 horsepower compressor unit at its Seneca Compressor Station. Columbia estimates the cost of the proposed activities to be approximately $6.4 million, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and 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 or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Fredric J. George, Senior Counsel, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, PO Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325–1273, by telephone at (304) 357–2359, or by facsimile at (304) 357–3206. Any person may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission’s Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. Any person filing to intervene or the Commission’s staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission’s regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.201(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission’s Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the “e-Filing” link.


Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center is (202) 566–1742.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Deirdre Murphy, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (Mail code C504–06), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone number: 919–541–0729; fax number: 919–541–0237; email address: murphy.deirdre@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for the EPA?

1. Submitting CBI. Do not submit this information to the EPA through www.regulations.gov or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD–ROM that you mail to the EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD–ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD–ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. Tips for Preparing Your Comments. When submitting comments, remember to:
   - Identify the rulemaking by docket number and other identifying information (subject heading, Federal Register date and page number).
   - Follow directions—The agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.
   - Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.
   - Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.
   - If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.
   - Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns, and suggest alternatives.
   - Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.
   - Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

II. Information Specific to This Document

Two sections of the Clean Air Act govern the establishment and revision of the NAAQS. Section 108 (42 U.S.C. 7408) directs the Administrator to identify and list certain air pollutants and then to issue air quality criteria for those pollutants. The Administrator is to list those air pollutants that in her “judgment, cause or contribute to air pollution which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare”; “the presence of which in the ambient air results from numerous or diverse mobile or stationary sources;” and “for which * * * the Administrator plans to issue air quality criteria * * *”. Air quality criteria are intended to “accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge useful in indicating the kind and extent of all identifiable effects on public health or welfare which may be expected from the presence of [a] pollutant in the ambient air * * *” 42 U.S.C. 7408(b). Under section 109 (42 U.S.C. 7409), the EPA establishes primary (health-based) and secondary (welfare-based) NAAQS for pollutants for which air quality criteria are issued. Section 109(d) requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria. The revised air quality criteria reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health or welfare. The EPA is also required to periodically review and, if appropriate, revise the NAAQS, based on the revised air quality criteria. Section 109(d)(2) requires that an independent scientific review committee “shall complete a review of the criteria * * * and shall recommend to the Administrator any new * * * standards and revisions of existing criteria and standards as may be appropriate * * *.” Since the early 1980’s, this independent review function has been performed by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC).

Presently, EPA is reviewing the air quality criteria and NAAQS for Pb. The EPA’s overall plan and schedule for this review is presented in the Integrated Review Plan for the Lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The draft PA document announced today, when final, will serve to “bridge the gap” between the scientific information and the judgments required of the Administrator in determining whether to retain or revise the existing NAAQS for Pb, and, if revision is considered, what revisions may be appropriate. The draft PA builds upon information presented in the third draft Integrated Science Assessment for Lead 2 and health and ecological risk assessments developed in the last review. The draft PA will be available on or about January 8, 2013, through the agency’s Technology Transfer Network (TTN) Web site at http://www.epa.gov/tnn/naaqs/standards/pb/s_pb_index.html.

The EPA is soliciting advice and recommendations from the CASAC by means of a review of this draft document at an upcoming public meeting of the CASAC. Information about this public meeting, including the dates and location, will be published as a separate notice in the Federal Register. Following the CASAC meeting, the EPA will consider comments received from the CASAC and the public in preparing revisions to this document. The EPA will consider public comments submitted in response to this notice when revising the documents. Comments should be submitted to the docket, as described above. The document that is the subject of today’s notice does not represent and should not be construed to represent any final EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination.

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Mary E. Henigin,

Acting Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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3 Upon consideration of the evidence newly available in this review with regard to risk and exposure assessment in the REA Planning Document for the review (available at http://www.epa.gov/tnn/naaqs/standards/pb/data/20110628planningdoc.pdf), staff concluded, and CASAC Pb Panel generally concurred, that new health and ecological REAs were not warranted by the newly available evidence.