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Kimberly D. Bose,
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the

communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable

proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped chronologically, in ascending order. These filings are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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, please contact FERC, Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Docket No.	Filed date	Presenter or Requester
Prohibited		
1. ER12-1302-000	03-18-13	David Kates.
ER12-1305-000	
ER12-1312-000	
Exempt		
1. IN12-10-000	03-19-13	Hon. Mike Michaud
2. CP13-83-000	03-21-13	Hon. Charles E. Schumer
3. P-12690-000	03-21-13	US Congress ¹

¹ Hons. Ed Whitfield and Greg Walden.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP13-110-000]

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

Take notice that on Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), 5151 San Felipe, Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77056, filed a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.214 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to increase the storage

capacity at its Lanham, Terra Alta, Terra Alta South, and Coco C Storage Fields in West Virginia. Columbia states that, as a result of storage field tests, the overall capacity of these fields can be increased. Columbia does not propose to expand the boundaries, change the maximum pressure, or perform any construction to increase the capacity of these four storage fields, 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 385.2001(a) (1) (iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the "e-Filing" link.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9798-1]

Final Issuance of General NPDES Permits (GP) for Small Suction Dredges in Idaho

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10.

ACTION: Final notice of reissuance of a general permit.

SUMMARY: EPA is issuing a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit (IDG-37-0000) to placer mining operations in Idaho for small suction dredges (intake nozzle size of 5 inches in diameter or a diametric equivalent or less and with equipment rated at 15 horsepower or less). On January 22, 2010, EPA proposed the GP and there was a 45 day comment period. Public Informational Workshops were held in Grangeville, Boise, Salmon and Idaho Falls the week of February 22. During the comment period, EPA received many comments and decided to make changes to the draft based on the comments received. On May 1, 2012, EPA re-noticed the GP with a new Fact Sheet requesting new comments. The comment period ended on June 1, 2012.

DATES: The issuance date of the GP is April 4, 2013, the date of publication of this notice. The GP will be effective May 6, 2013. Facilities may start submitting Notices of Intent (NOI) to receive coverage under the GP.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the GP and Response to Comments are available upon request. Written requests may be submitted to EPA, Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900, OWW-130, Seattle, WA 98101. Electronic requests may be mailed to: washington.audrey@epa.gov or godsey.cindi@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The GP, Fact Sheet and Response to Comments along with detailed maps may be found on the Region 10 Web site at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/npdes+permits/idsuction-gp>.

Requests by telephone may be made to Audrey Washington at (206) 553-0523 or to Cindi Godsey at (907) 271-6561.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

EPA requested final certification under the Clean Water Act § 401 from the State of Idaho and Tribal governments. EPA received certification from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality in a letter dated March 8, 2013 that the subject discharges comply with the applicable provisions of Sections 208(e), 301, 302, 306 and 307 of the Clean Water Act.

EPA received letters from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe (May 23, 2012) and the Shoshone Bannock Tribe (March 20, 2013) denying certification. As a result of Tribal government-to-government consultation and coordination, the GP does not cover any of the five Reservations with land within the boundaries of the State of Idaho.

EPA prepared a Biological Evaluation for consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service. EPA received concurrence from both Services on a Not Likely to Adversely Affect determination.

Executive Order 12866: The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this action from the review requirements of Executive Order 12866 pursuant to Section 6 of that order.

Regulatory Flexibility Act: Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, a Federal agency must prepare an initial regulatory flexibility analysis "for any proposed rule" for which the agency "is required by section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), or any other law, to publish general notice of proposed rulemaking." The RFA exempts from this requirement any rule that the issuing agency certifies "will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities." EPA has concluded that NPDES general permits are permits, not rulemakings, under the APA and thus not subject to APA rulemaking requirements or the RFA. Notwithstanding that general permits are not subject to the RFA, EPA has determined that these general permits, as issued, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Dated: March 28, 2013.

Daniel D. Opalski,
Director, Office of Water & Watersheds,
Region 10.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9799-1]

Draft Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System NPDES General Permit—New Hampshire; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA issued a Notice of Availability of the draft Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for New Hampshire, published in the **Federal Register** on February 12, 2013. This notice extends the comment period for 30 days, from April 15, 2013 to May 15, 2013.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Email:* Tedder.Newton@epa.gov.
- *Mail:* Newton Tedder, US EPA—

Region 1, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Mail Code—OEP06-4, Boston, MA 02109-3912.

No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the draft permit may be obtained between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding legal holidays from: Newton Tedder, Office of Ecosystem Protection, Environmental Protection Agency, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Boston, MA 02109-3912; telephone: 617-918-1038; email: Tedder.Newton@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice extends the public comment period established in the **Federal Register** issue of February 12, 2013 (78 FR 9908) (FRL-13-006 and 9779-7). In that notice, EPA announced the availability for public comment of its draft small MS4 NPDES general permit for New Hampshire. This extension is in response to requests received from several commenters to extend the comment period. EPA is hereby extending the comment period, which was set to end on April 15, 2013, to May 15, 2013.

Dated: March 27, 2013.

H. Curtis Spalding,
Regional Administrator, Region 1.

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