

Project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the Project. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed Project.

If we publish and distribute the EA, copies will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (Appendix 2).

Becoming an Intervenor

Once EQT files its application with the Commission, you may want to become an “intervenor” which is an official party to the Commission’s proceeding. Intervenor status is a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission’s final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are in the User’s Guide under the “e-filing” link on the Commission’s Web site. Please note that the Commission will not accept requests for intervenor status at this time. You must wait until the Commission receives a formal application for the project.

Additional Information

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC Web site at www.ferc.gov using the “eLibrary” link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on “General Search” and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., PF14-13). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. 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. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing

you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission’s calendar located at www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx along with other related information.

Dated: August 29, 2014.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP14-17-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed East Side Expansion Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the East Side Expansion Project, proposed by Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) in the above-referenced docket. Columbia requests authorization to install a total of about 19.1 miles of 20- and 26-inch-diameter pipeline loop,¹ and to modify and upgrade several aboveground facilities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Maryland in order to provide 312,000 dekatherms per day of firm natural gas transportation service to growing mid-Atlantic markets.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the East Side Expansion Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers participated as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis.

¹ A loop is a segment of pipe that is usually installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it at both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the system.

The proposed East Side Expansion Project includes the following:

- Construction of about 9.6 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Gloucester County, New Jersey (Line 10345 Loop);
- construction of about 9.5 miles of 26-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Chester County, Pennsylvania (Line 1278 Loop);
- abandonment of existing compressors and installation of new compression at the Milford Compressor Station in Pike County, Pennsylvania, and at the Easton Compressor Station in Northampton County, Pennsylvania;
- modifications to the Eagle Compressor Station in Chester County, Pennsylvania, and the Rutledge Compressor Station in Hartford County, Maryland; and
- modification of the Pennsburg meter and regulation (M&R) Station and the Quakertown M&R Station in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and the Wagoner M&R Station in Orange County, New York.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; newspapers and libraries in the project area; and parties to this proceeding. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC’s Web site (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before September 29, 2014.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments with the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (CP14-17-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available

to assist you at 202-502-8258 or efiling@ferc.gov.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature located on the Commission's Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can also file your comments electronically using the *eFiling* feature on the Commission's Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. With *eFiling*, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New *eFiling* users must first create an account by clicking on "*eRegister*." You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).² Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov) using the *eLibrary* link. Click on the *eLibrary* link, click on "General Search," and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP14-17). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. 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. The *eLibrary* link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

² See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Project No. 2004-287

City of Holyoke Gas and Electric Department: Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2004-287.

c. *Date Filed:* August 15, 2014.

d. *Applicant:* City of Holyoke Gas and Electric Department.

e. *Name of Project:* Holyoke Project.

f. *Location:* On the Connecticut River in Hampden County, Massachusetts.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Paul Duchenev, Superintendent, Holyoke Gas and Electric Department, 99 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA 01040. Tel: (413) 536-9340.

i. *FERC Contact:* Dr. Jennifer Ambler, (202) 502-8586, jennifer.ambler@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests, is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission (September 29, 2014). The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, comments, or recommendations using the Commission's *eFiling* system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the *eComment* system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/>

[ecomment.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp). You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-2004-287) on any comments, motions to intervene, protests, or recommendations filed.

k. *Description of Request:* This amendment application supersedes a previous application submitted on August 31, 2012 and all supplements to that application (i.e., January 31, 2014 and March 26, 2014 filings). The licensee proposes to enhance downstream fish passage facilities at the project by installing a new bar rack and associated facilities at the Holyoke Dam at Hadley Falls, and enhancing the existing upstream fish passage facilities at the project by making modifications to the spillway fish lift entrance. The licensee further proposes to do an in-kind replacement of the Hadley Unit 1 turbine concurrent with the downstream passage construction work. The new unit would increase the project's installed capacity by 600 kilowatts, and increase the maximum hydraulic capacity by an estimated 320 cubic feet per second.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and