

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 20, 2021.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP21-117-000]

#### **Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline**

Take notice that April 6, 2021, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia Gas), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Columbia Gas' blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000, for authorization to abandon four injection/withdrawal (I/W) wells and associated pipelines and appurtenances, located in its Lorain and Medina Storage Fields in Lorain and Medina Counties, Ohio, respectively, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Columbia Gas proposes to abandon Medina Wells 3933, 10001 and 10085 located in the Medina Storage Field and Lorain Well 10376 located in the Lorain Storage Field, and a total of approximately 0.23 miles of pipeline that are associated to the wells. Additionally, Columbia Gas states that the abandonment will have no impact on Columbia Gas' existing customers or affect Columbia Gas' existing storage operations. Further, Columbia states that there will be no change to the existing boundary, total inventory, reservoir pressure, reservoir and buffer boundaries, or the certificated capacity of the Lorain and Medina Storage Fields as a result of the abandonment. The estimated cost of the abandonment is \$2,250,000.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number

field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this prior notice request should be directed to Sorana Linder, Director, Modernization & Certificates, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite, Houston, Texas 77002-2700 at (832) 320-5209 or by email at [sorana\\_linder@tcenergy.com](mailto:sorana_linder@tcenergy.com).

#### **Public Participation**

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests, motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 15, 2021. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

#### *Protests*

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,<sup>1</sup> any person<sup>2</sup> or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed or if a protest is filed and then withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, 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 for authorization will be considered by the Commission.

Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 157.205(e) of the Commission's regulations,<sup>3</sup> and must be submitted by the protest deadline, which is June 15, 2021. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 157.205.

<sup>2</sup> Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

<sup>3</sup> 18 CFR 157.205(e).

#### *Interventions*

Any person has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure<sup>4</sup> and the regulations under the NGA<sup>5</sup> by the intervention deadline for the project, which is June 15, 2021. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

All timely, unopposed motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1). Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

#### *Comments*

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before June 15, 2021. The filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding.

<sup>4</sup> 18 CFR 385.214.

<sup>5</sup> 18 CFR 157.10.

**How To File Protests, Interventions, and Comments**

There are two ways to submit protests, motions to intervene, and comments. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP21-117-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your protest, motion to intervene, and comments by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select General<sup>6</sup> and then select "Protest", "Intervention", or "Comment on a Filing"; or<sup>6</sup>

(2) You can file a paper copy of your submission by mailing it to the address below.<sup>7</sup> Your submission must reference the Project docket number CP21-117-000.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426

The Commission encourages electronic filing of submissions (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail at: 700 Louisiana Street, Suite, Houston, Texas 77002-2700 at (832) 320-5209 or email (with a link to the document) at: [sorana\\_linder@tcenergy.com](mailto:sorana_linder@tcenergy.com).

Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online.

**Tracking the Proceeding**

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project will be available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary" link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the

<sup>6</sup> Additionally, you may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project.

<sup>7</sup> Hand-delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission 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. For more information and to register, go to [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2880-015]

**Cherokee Falls Hydroelectric Project, LLC; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new major license for the Cherokee Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 2880, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. The project is located on the Broad River, in Cherokee County, South Carolina. No federal land is occupied by project works or located within the project boundary.

The EA contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the EA via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<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. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19),

in a Presidential proclamation issued on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <https://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, contact FERC Online Support.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2880-015.

For further information, contact Michael Spencer at (202) 502-6093, or by email at [michael.spencer@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.spencer@ferc.gov).

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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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