

Discussion of National Science Foundation (NSF) Elementary Particle Physics Programs
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 Public Comment (10 minute rule)
 Public Participation

The two-day meeting is open to the public. The Chairperson of the Panel is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in his judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Any member of the public who wishes to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact the Executive Secretary at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received at least five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation on the agenda.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP95-233-000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Co.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Billy Creek-Sheridan Replacement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

April 6, 1995.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the Billy Creek-

Sheridan Replacement Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether to approve the project.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (WBI) wants to replace 13.4 miles of 8-inch-diameter pipeline in Johnson and Sheridan Counties, Wyoming. WBI states that severe corrosion and leaks have been found throughout the Billy Creek-Sheridan Pipeline, and the facilities proposed to be replaced represent the final section of replacement for the pipeline. WBI would use the facilities to transport up to 15,230 thousand cubic feet per day of gas.

The location of the facilities are shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Most of the proposed project would be built within and near existing right-of-way, but about 40 percent of the new pipeline would be located outside of the existing right-of-way. WBI intends to use a construction right-of-way width that would vary between 50 and 100 feet during construction. About 85 acres would be disturbed during construction.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of these proposed actions and encourage

¹ Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the Federal Register. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, Room 3104, 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Public safety.
- Hazardous waste.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for the proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by WBI. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list. The list of issues may be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our analysis. Issues are:

- The project would cross seven perennial streams.
- The project would cross or be near cultural resources/archaeological sites.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426;

- Reference Docket No. CP95-233-000;

- Send a copy of your letter to: Mr. Jeff Shenot, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., N.E., Room 7312, Washington, D.C. 20426; and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before May 12, 1995.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Mr. Shenot at the above address.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (appendix 2).

The date for filing of timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by Section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Jeff Shenot, EA Project Manager, at (202) 219-0295.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP95-298-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation Columbia Gulf Transmission Co., Notice of Joint Application

April 6, 1995.

Take notice that on April 4, 1995, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia Gas), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia, 25325-1273, and Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia

Gulf), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia, 25325-1273, filed a joint application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act requesting authority to abandon a transportation service provided by Columbia Gas and Columbia Gulf for FMC Corporation (FMC) performed under Columbia Gas' Rate Schedule X-128, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The transportation service was authorized in Docket No. CP85-606-000 which approved the agreement that Columbia Gas and Columbia Gulf would transport of up to 5,000 Dth/d of gas for FMC's Baltimore, Maryland plant. Columbia Gulf would receive gas from the producer, Amoco Production Company (Amoco) at various points of receipt in Cameron, Vermilion, Lafourche, and Jefferson Davis Parishes, Louisiana. Columbia Gulf transported gas to Columbia Gas at an existing point of interconnection near Leach, Kentucky. Columbia Gas, in turn, would transport the gas to existing points of interconnection with Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BG&E) for ultimate delivery to FMC in Baltimore, Maryland. Volumes were last transported in March of 1993 under Rate Schedule X-128. The transportation agreement provided for a primary term of three years and could continue on month to month thereafter until terminated by any party upon written notice to the other. On June 23, 1993 Columbia Gas notified FMC of its cancellation of the transportation service to be effective July 25, 1993. Columbia Gas notified Columbia Gulf and BG&E on June 25, 1993, of its intent to terminate the transportation agreement, X-128 to be effective July 25, 1993.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make a protest with reference to said application should, on or before April 27, 1995, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (825 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426) a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 285.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene

in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Columbia Gas or Columbia Gulf to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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Eastern Shore Natural Gas Co.; Conference To Discuss Settlement

April 6, 1995.

Pursuant to the Commission's notice issued on March 13, 1995, an informal conference will be held to explore the possibility of settlement of the issue raised in the above-captioned proceeding. All parties should come prepared to discuss settlement, and the parties should be represented by principals who have the authority to commit to a settlement.

The conference will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 1995 at 9:00 A.M. in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

All interested persons and Staff are permitted to attend.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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