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Signed in Richland, Washington, this 10th
day of May 1996, for the United States
Department of Energy.

John D. Wagoner,

Manager, Richland Operations Office.

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Floodplain Statement of Findings for Remedial Action at the Ventron Site and Adjacent Harbor Sediment in Essex County, Massachusetts

AGENCY: Former Sites Restoration
Division, Department of Energy (DOE).

SUBJECT: Floodplain statement of
findings.

SUMMARY: This is a Floodplain
Statement of Findings prepared in
accordance with 10 CFR Part 1022,
Compliance with Floodplain/Wetlands
Environmental Review Requirements.
DOE proposes to remediate sediment
and soil with elevated levels of
uranium-238 from the 100-year
floodplain of the Bass and Danvers
Rivers and from the floodplain buffer
zone adjacent to the 100-year floodplain
at the Ventron site in Essex County,
Massachusetts. DOE prepared a
Floodplain and Wetlands Assessment
describing the effects, alternatives, and
measures designed to avoid or minimize
potential harm to or within the affected
floodplain. DOE would endeavor to
allow 15 days of public review after
publication of the Statement of Findings
before implementation of the proposed
action.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS
PROPOSED ACTION OR TO COMMENT ON THE
ACTION, CONTACT:** Mr. Jim Kopotic,
Ventron Site Manager, Former Sites
Restoration Division, U.S. Department
of Energy, P.O. Box 2001, Oak Ridge, TN
37831-8541, Phone: (423) 576-4991,
FAX: (423) 576-0956.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL
DOE FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS,
CONTACT:** Carol M. Borgstrom, Director,
Office of NEPA Oversight, EH-42, U.S.
Department of Energy, 1000
Independence Avenue SW.,
Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4600
or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a
Floodplain Statement of Findings
prepared in accordance with 10 CFR
Part 1022. A Notice of Floodplain and
Wetland Involvement was published in
the Federal Register (Vol. 61, pp.
11621-11622) on March 21, 1996, and a
Floodplain and Wetlands Assessment
was incorporated in the engineering
evaluation and cost analysis prepared
for the Ventron site. DOE proposes to
remediate sediment and soil with
elevated levels of uranium-238 that are
located in the 100-year floodplain of the
Bass and Danvers Rivers and the 100-yr
floodplain buffer zone adjacent to the
floodplain at the Ventron site in Essex
County, Massachusetts. The entire
Ventron site is also within the
Massachusetts coastal zone. The
proposed action would be in a
floodplain because levels of uranium-
238 in some sediment and soil in the
floodplain at the site exceed guidelines
for residual radioactivity and future use
without radiological restrictions of the
site. DOE has structured potential
cleanup options by affected media:
harbor sediments and on-site soil and
furnace ash. Alternative actions
considered for harbor sediments are no
action or, complete removal of harbor
sediment with levels of uranium-238
over 50 pCi/g. Alternative actions
considered for on-site soil and furnace
ash also include no action or, complete
removal of on-site soil and furnace ash
with levels of uranium-238 over 50 pCi/
g. Access to sediment and soil may
require decontamination and demolition
of structures at the site. There is no
practicable alternative to the proposed
action. The proposed action would
conform to applicable state and local
floodplain protection standards.

The following steps would be taken to
minimize potential harm to or within
the affected floodplain:

1. The design and performance of
excavation activities would incorporate
standard best management practices in
accordance with U.S. Department of
Agriculture Natural Resource
Conservation Service (formerly the Soil
Conservation Service) methods, or the
equivalent, to control erosion and
siltation from excavations.

2. Remediation operations would
confine the areas of sediment and soil

disturbance to the minimum necessary
for successful completion of the project.

3. Care would be exercised to provide
minimum practicable exposure of
sediment and soil to erosion.

4. All erosion and sediment barriers
would remain in place until the
excavation is successfully stabilized by
applicable measures.

5. Disturbed sediment and soil in or
adjacent to the floodplain, waterways,
wetlands, coastal zone, and areas
subject to tidal action and excavations
would be stabilized or otherwise
protected to prevent off-site migration,
as conditions warrant, in accordance
with Massachusetts soil erosion and
sediment control standards or their
equivalent.

6. DOE would not dispose waste
rubble, sediment, or soil in the floodway
or within the tidal zone. Waste mulch
not serving to control erosion or
sediment would also not be disposed of
in channels or on waterway banks.

7. Remediation would not obstruct
any streams or tidal areas and all
streams and tidal zones would retain
their original capacity for storing
floodwaters. The proposed action would
not impede flow or increase flooding.

8. All areas excavated in or adjacent
to the floodplain, wetlands, the
Massachusetts coastal zone, and areas
subject to tidal action would be restored
to grade by the current owner, Morton
International, as required, and the
proposed activities would not subject
lives or property to any increased risk
of flooding.

9. DOE would not use areas within
the floodplain for temporary or
permanent storage of excavated
sediment, soil, or demolition rubble;
however, some areas within the
floodplain and wetland buffer zone, and
the Massachusetts coastal zone may be
used for temporary storage of excavated
materials with appropriate measures in
place to properly contain excavated
materials.

10. The proposed action would
conform to applicable state and local
floodplain, wetland, and coastal zone
protection standards and would be
consistent with Massachusetts' coastal
zone management policies.

11. The proposed action would not
result in the destruction of any
floodplain or wetland and would be
consistent with the President's policy of
"no net loss" of wetlands in the United
States and Executive Orders 11988 and
11990.

DOE will endeavor to allow 15 days
of public review after publication of the
Statement of Findings before
implementation of the proposed action.

Issued in Oak Ridge, Tennessee on May 6, 1996.

James L. Elmore,

Alternate NEPA Compliance Officer.

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Bonneville Power Administration

Templates (New Power Sales Contracts) and Amendatory Agreement No. 7

AGENCY: Bonneville Power

Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the ROD to offer BPA's public utility customers choices about their business relationships with BPA over the next 5 years. One choice being offered is for the public utility customers, and potentially other types of customers, to negotiate a new tailored contract for firm load requirements service based on contract templates that have been negotiated through a public process and comment period. Requirements service is the firm power products that a BPA customer has a right to purchase from BPA for the customer's general firm power load requirements and its new large single loads. Contracts based on the templates will be available at least through August 1, 1996.

The other key choice BPA is offering is an opportunity to amend their 1981 or 1984 Power Sales Contracts. With Amendatory Agreement No. 7, BPA is offering terms that will address certain changes in the electric power marketplace and in the needs of BPA customers. This amendment is offered in the context of the market-driven approach selected in BPA's Business Plan process. This amendment is planned to be the final step in a sequence of offers to public utility customers intended to strengthen BPA's competitive position in the electric power market and to strengthen its business relationships with its customers. This decision is consistent with BPA's Business Plan, the Business Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0183, June 1995), and the Business Plan ROD (August 15, 1995).

ADDRESSES: Copies of this ROD, the Business Plan Environmental Impact Statement, and the Business Plan ROD may be obtained by calling BPA's toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Katherine S. Pierce—EC, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621, phone number (503) 230-3962, fax number (503) 230-5699.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on May 13, 1996.

Randall W. Hardy,

Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

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Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

State Energy Advisory Board, Open Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463; 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

Name: State Energy Advisory Board.

Date and Time: June 27, 1996 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and June 28, 1996 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Place: The Industrial Electrotechnology Laboratory, room 2427, NCSU College of Textiles, Research Drive, Raleigh, NC 27695. 919-515-3941.

Contact: William J. Raup, Office of Building Technology, State, and Community Programs, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone 202/586-2214.

Purpose of the Board: To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives and programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-440).

Tentative Agenda: Briefings on, and discussions of:

- The FY 1997 Federal budget request for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy programs.
- Issues related to DOE National Laboratories, relating to deployment of technology through the States.
- Review and approval of any committee activity.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact William J. Raup at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral presentations must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statements in the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying

within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC, on May 16, 1996.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-520-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

May 16, 1996.

Take notice that on May 13, 1996, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., Charleston, West Virginia 25314-1599, filed in Docket No. CP96-520-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Section 157.7 of the Commission's regulations, as well as a temporary certificate pursuant to Section 157.17 of the Commission's regulations, authorizing the increase in compressor station horsepower, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia requests authorization to increase the horsepower at its Hellertown Compressor Station, located in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, from 917 to 1100 horsepower (hp) per unit, for a total of 2200 hp, and incremental increase of 366 hp. It is stated that to accommodate the proposed increase in horsepower, Columbia must also replace the existing, appurtenant eight 8-inch diameter compressor cylinders with eight 8½-inch diameter compressor cylinders, and provide sound attenuation to ensure reliability of service to its customers.

Columbia requests a temporary certificate to allow it to continue operation of its Hellertown Compressor Station at the higher horsepower level until the Commission issues a permanent certificate. It is stated that, due to a pipeline rupture on January 6, 1996, Columbia's Line 1278 was repaired and the operating pressure was decreased from 1200 psig to 1080 psig, pending remedial work to restore the operation integrity of the pipeline. Columbia contends that the decreased operating pressure created a shortage of