

regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23).

Permit no. 873 authorizes the permit holder to biopsy several species of cetaceans off the Pacific, Southern, and Indian Oceans, as well as U.S. territorial waters of the Pacific and Southern Oceans and the Gulf of Mexico; and to import biopsy tissues collected outside of U.S. waters. The permit has been amended to extend the expiration date from December 31, 1997 to February 28, 1998. This is a time extension only and involves no increase in the number of animals authorized to be taken under the permit.

Issuance of this permit as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit: (1) was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY
COMMISSION**

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, January 14, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 420, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Open to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Bunk Beds

The Commission will consider options for Commission action to address entrapment hazards associated with bunk beds.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: January 6, 1998.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

**Notice of Availability for the
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
on the Disposal and Reuse of the
Former Fitzsimons Army Medical
Center, Now U.S. Army Garrison-
Fitzsimons (USAG-F), Aurora,
Colorado**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The proposed action evaluated by this EIS is the disposal of USAG-F, Aurora, Colorado, in accordance with the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101-510. The EIS addresses the environmental consequences of the disposal and subsequent reuse of the 577-acre installation except for a 21.8 acre enclave for the McWhethy Army Reserve Center.

The EIS analyzes three disposal alternatives: (1) the no action alternative, which entails maintaining the property in caretaker status after closure; (2) the encumbered disposal alternative, which entails transferring the property to future owners with Army-imposed limitations, or encumbrances, on the future use of the property; and (3) the unencumbered disposal alternative, which entails transferring the property to future owners with few or no Army-imposed limitations, or encumbrances, on the future use of the property. The impacts of reuse are evaluated in terms of land use intensities. The Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority developed the reuse alternatives based on their Reuse Plan. The resource areas evaluated for potential impacts by the proposed action (disposal) and the secondary action (reuse) include: land use; climate; air quality; noise; geology, soils, and topography; water resources; infrastructure; regulated substances; biological resources and ecosystems; cultural resources; sociological environment; quality of life; installation agreements, and permits and regulatory authorizations.

COPIES: Copies of the EIS will be available for review at the Aurora Central Public Library, Aurora, CO and USAG-F, Aurora, CO.

DATES: A final decision on the FEIS will be made after a 30-day waiting period, which commences with the publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's NOA in the **Federal Register**. The action will be documented with a Record of Decision.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the EIS can be obtained by writing to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District Office, ATTN: Mr. Gene Sturm, 215 North 17th Street, Omaha, NE 68102-4978, or by facsimile at (402) 221-4886. Written comments and suggestions should also be sent to this address.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

Raymond J. Fatz,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army,
Environment, Safety and Occupational
Health) OASA (I,L&E).*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: School of the Americas, Training and Doctrine Command.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

Name of Committee: School of the Americas (SOA) Subcommittee of the Army Education Advisory Committee.

Dates of Meeting: 27 and 28 January 1998.

Place: School of the Americas, Building 35, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Time: 0900-1700 on 27 January, 0900-1600 on 28 January 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: School of the Americas, Attention: TMD, MAJ Clemente, Room 333, Building 35, Fort Benning, GA 31905.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Agenda: Presentation by the Commanding General, Training and Doctrine Command on the Subcommittee's report of the previous meeting and issues requested from that meeting.

1. Purpose of Meeting: This is the fourth SOA Subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee will receive a report from the Commander Training and Doctrine Command, and briefings they requested as a result of the third subcommittee meeting.

2. Meeting of Advisory Committee is open to the public. Due to space limitations, attendance may be limited to those persons who have notified the Committee Management Office in writing at least 5 days prior to the meeting date of their intent to attend.

3. Any member of the public may file a written statement with the committee

before, during or after the meeting. To the extent that time permits, the subcommittee chairman may allow public presentations of oral statements at the meeting.

4. All communications regarding this subcommittee should be addressed to Lieutenant Colonel Nunez-Rosa, Designated Federal Official, U.S. Army School of the Americas, ATTN: ATZB-SAZ-CS, Fort Benning, GA 31905-6245.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-213-007]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Amendment of Application

January 5, 1998.

Take notice that on December 24, 1997, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), a Delaware corporation, having its principal place of business at 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., Charleston, West Virginia 25314-1599, filed on application to amend, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, its certificate previously issued by the Commission in an "Order Denying Rehearing And Issuing Certificates" on May 14, 1997 in Docket Nos. CP96-213-000, *et. al.*, Columbia's Market Expansion Project (MEP).

By this amendment Columbia now proposes to refine certain of its 1998 facility construction proposals. The facility modifications are the result of further detailed design analysis of the proposed projects by Columbia's engineering staff. These modifications to Columbia's existing certificate are:

Pipeline Projects

4.6RR Line VM-105 Loop/VM-106

This project, was originally designated VM-140 (Project Item 4.6); Columbia now proposes a variation of the original VM-140 Project which will provide the operational efficiency and control of a single delivery point. This revised project consists of 0.3 mile of 20-inch loop (VM-105 Loop) on the suction of Boswells Tavern Compressor Station, measurement upgrade at Boswells Tavern, and 0.6 mile of 24-inch pipeline (VM-106) replacing an existing 12-inch pipeline on the discharge of Boswell Compressor Station.

4.18 Line VM-109 (Louisa Loop)

Columbia proposes to install 6.0 miles of 24-inch pipeline loop, from its Mainline Valve 3 to its Louisa Compressor Station, all in Louisa County, Virginia. The proposed pipeline loop will loop out the section of line between mainline Valve 3 and Louisa and provide the necessary capacity to serve Market Expansion service increases. This loop would replace the previously proposed and approved horsepower additions at Louisa (Project No. 5.17) and Petersburg Compressor Station (Project No. 5.18). This additional pipeline loop is estimated to cost \$5,966,700 and is the least cost option to achieve the required Market Expansion service.

Compressor Projects

5.17 Louisa Compressor Station

The installation of 1,350 HP would be canceled.

5.18 Peterburg Compressor Station

The installation of 1,100 HP would be canceled.

5.20R/5.21R Hamlin Compressor Station

The installation of this new station consisting of 3,175 HP would be canceled. Columbia has now determined that it no longer requires the authorized Hamlin Compressor Station since additional long term gas supply is available at its existing Grant Compressor Station and on the Line KA System. Certain piping modifications will be required at the Grant Compressor Station at a cost of \$1,885,000 in order to flow gas south from Line SM-80 via SM-116 into the suction of Grant's high stage cylinders for delivery into the KA System.

Abandonment Projects

7.15 Dugannon Compressor Station

The relocation of a 825 HP Unit to Hamlin Compressor Station would be canceled.

7.20 Peterburg Compressor Station

The relocation of a 1,140 HP Unit to Louisa Compressor Station would be canceled.

7.26 Line VM-106

The existing 12-inch pipeline is to be abandoned in conjunction with 24-inch replacement in Project No. 4.6RR.

Also, Columbia proposes to reduce reacquisition of the TEMCO capacity due to the revisions to customer elected services. Columbia states that, due to certain service level changes requested by two of its customers, Reynolds

Metals Company (Reynolds) and Roanoke Gas Company (Roanoke), it is able to reduce the reacquisition of Transco Energy Marketing Company's (TEMCO) capacity from 53,800 to 50,375 Mdh/d and its associated costs. Specifically, Reynolds has notified Columbia that it no longer desires 3,425 Dth/d of FTS service originally scheduled to commence in 1998. Roanoke has requested and entered into a fifteen year contract for an additional 3,425 Dth/d of FTS service beginning in 1999. Columbia states that the level of the TEMCO capacity reacquisition can be reduced because of the location of the Roanoke delivery.

Columbia states that the revised construction results in a savings in Gross Investment of \$3,280,700 reducing the 1995 Gross Investment estimate for the Market Expansion Project from \$259,348,100 to \$256,067,400.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 22, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulation Commission, 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 385.214 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 proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as 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 a grant of the certificate is 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