

**EIS Schedule**

The draft EIS is scheduled to be published by August 1999. A 45-day comment period on the draft EIS is planned, and public hearings to receive comments will be held approximately one month after issuance. Availability of the draft EIS, the dates of the public comment period, and information about the public hearings will be announced in the **Federal Register** and in the local news media.

The final EIS, which will incorporate public comments received on the draft EIS, is scheduled for January 2000. A Record of Decision would be issued no sooner than 30 days after a notice of availability of the final EIS is published in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 21st day of January 1999.

**Peter N. Brush,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Environment, Safety and Health.*

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

[Docket No. CP99-156-000]

**Columbia Gas Transmission  
Corporation; Notice of Request Under  
Blanket Authorization**

January 21, 1999.

Take notice that on January 14, 1999, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-1046, filed in Docket No. CP99-156-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216, of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon approximately 0.05 miles of 4- and 8-inch pipeline and a point of delivery under Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia requests authorization to abandon approximately 0.05 miles of 4- and 8-inch pipeline and a point of delivery to Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (CPA), all located in Elk County, Pennsylvania. Columbia states that the pipeline will be abandoned in place and all above

ground facilities will be removed. CPA states that it no longer requires service from this point of delivery.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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

[Docket No. CP99-155-00]

**Columbia Gas Transmission  
Corporation; Notice of Application**

January 21, 1999.

Take notice that on January 13, 1999, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), filed in Docket No. CP99-155-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon natural gas service currently provided by Columbia to Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (O&R) and UGI Corporation (UGI) under its Rate Schedule X-124, and to abandon the operation of two segments of pipeline owned by O&R and UGI, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Columbia proposes to abandon: (i) the transportation service currently provided under its Rate Schedule X-124 and, (ii) the certificate authority to operate the facilities located in Steuben and Allegany Counties, New York, that were constructed to provide the service proposed to be abandoned. Columbia states that its Rate Schedule X-124 provided for firm transportation

service by Columbia to O&R for 4,600 Dth/d and to UGI Utilities, Inc., the successor in interest to UGI, for 22,400 Dth/d. Columbia states that the service, facilities and Columbia's authorization to lease and operate the facilities were approved by the Commission on June 28, 1984 in Docket No. CP83-478. Columbia also states that as it does not own the subject facilities, no facilities will be physically abandoned or removed by Columbia as a result of the proposed abandonment.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 11, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First 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 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 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 the 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 to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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