

amend and extend the interconnection, maintenance and sale of nonfirm electric service provisions of the parties' previous agreement dated November 14, 1988, Contract No. 88-BAO-307.

Copies of these filings were supplied to Western Area Power Administration.

*Comment date:* April 12, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 8. Entergy Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER01-1602-000]

Take notice that on March 22, 2001, Entergy Services, Inc., on behalf of Entergy Gulf States, Inc., tendered for filing an Interconnection and Operating Agreement with The Dow Chemical Company (Dow), and a Generator Imbalance Agreement with Dow.

*Comment date:* April 12, 2001, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**David P. Boergers,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-70-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed West Lorain Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

March 28, 2001.

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 West Lorain Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) in Lorain and Holmes Counties, Ohio.<sup>1</sup> Columbia would increase the operating pressure of Columbia's existing 14-mile-long 20-inch diameter Line L-2542 from 440 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) to 630 psig and increase the operating pressure on 5.5 miles of Columbia's existing 12-inch diameter Line V from 500 psig to 550 psig.

Columbia would also abandon by replacement seven existing compressor units with a combined horsepower (hp) of 4,320, four gas coolers, and an existing building and appurtenances at its Wellington Compressor Station in Lorain County, Ohio and replace the abandoned compressors with two 4,500 hp electric driven compressor units. The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice Columbia provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)).

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Columbia is proposing the West Lorain Project to provide Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corporation with up to 140,000 Dth/d (40 Mdth/d annually) for redelivery to FirstEnergy Trading Services, Inc. both wholly owned

<sup>1</sup> Columbia's application was filed with the Commission on January 23, 2001, under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

subsidiaries of First Energy Corp. The additional volumes of natural gas would be provided to FirstEnergy Corp. to supply installing five new combustion turbines to be installed adjacent to two existing combustion turbines at FirstEnergy Corp.'s West Lorain Plant in Lorain County, Ohio.

No ground disturbing activities would be involved with the upgrading of these pipelines. All construction and ground disturbing activity would occur within the existing fenced area of the Wellington Compressor Station. The general location of Columbia's facilities is shown on the map attached as appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

#### 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<sup>3</sup> 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 this proposed action and encourage 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:

- Cultural resources
- Reliability and safety
- Air quality and noise
- Threatened and endangered species

We will 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.

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are available on the Commission's website at the "RIMS" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. For instructions on connecting to RIMS refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

<sup>3</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

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 this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations or routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environment impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of GAS 1, PJ-11.1;
- Reference Docket No. CP01-70-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before April 30, 2001.

Comments, protests and interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm> under the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor." Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things,

intervenor have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must sent a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. 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) (see appendix 2).<sup>4</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us)) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6960-6]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Clean Water Act State Revolving Fund Program

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Clean Water Act State Revolving Fund Program, EPA ICR Number 1391.04, OMB Control Number 2040-0118 and expiration date of 09/30/01. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 4, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may either be mailed to Nelson L. Price, Office of Wastewater Management (4204M), ICC Building, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460 or emailed to [price.nelson@epa.gov](mailto:price.nelson@epa.gov) and refer to EPA No. 1391.06.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nelson L. Price at (202) 564-0602, or FAX at (202) 501-2403.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are those which consist of the fifty states, Puerto Rico, and the recipients of assistance in each of these jurisdictions.

*Title:* Clean Water Act State Revolving Fund Program (OMB Control No. 2040-0118; EPA ICR No.1391.04) expiring 09/30/01.

*Abstract:* The Clean Water Act, as amended by "The Water Quality Act of 1987" (U.S.C. 1381-1387 *et seq.*), created a Title VI which authorizes grants to States for the establishment of State Water Pollution Control Revolving Funds (SRFs). The information activities are pursuant to section 606 of the Act, and SRF Interim Final Rule (March 1990).

The 1987 Act declares that water pollution control revolving loan funds shall be administered by an instrumentality of the State subject to the requirements of the Act. This means that each State has a general

<sup>4</sup> Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.