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*Intervention Deadline:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on November 16, 2022.

Dated: October 26, 2022.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC22–31–000]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–574) Comment Request; Extension**

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection FERC–574 (Gas Pipeline Certificates: Hinshaw Exemption).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due January 2, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit your comments (identified by Docket No. IC22–31–000) by one of the following methods:

Electronic filing through <https://www.ferc.gov>, is preferred.

- *Electronic Filing:* Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.

- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:

- *Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:* Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- *Hand (including courier) delivery:* Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Instructions:* All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <https://www.ferc.gov>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at (866) 208–3676 (toll-free).

*Docket:* Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <https://www.ferc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502–8663.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Title:* FERC–574 (Gas Pipeline Certificates: Hinshaw Exemption).  
*OMB Control No.:* 1902–0116.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC–574 with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The Commission uses the information collected under the requirements of FERC–574 to implement the statutory provisions of Sections 1(c), 4, and 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Natural gas pipeline companies file applications with the Commission furnishing information in order to facilitate a determination of an applicant’s qualification for an exemption under the provisions of the section 1(c). If the Commission grants an exemption, the natural gas pipeline company is not required to file certificate applications, rate schedules, or any other applications or forms prescribed by the Commission.

The exemption applies to companies engaged in the transportation, sale, or resale of natural gas in interstate commerce if: (a) they receive gas at or within the boundaries of the state from another person at or within the boundaries of that state; (b) such gas is ultimately consumed in such state; (c) the rates, service and facilities of such company are subject to regulation by a State Commission; and (d) that such State Commission is exercising that jurisdiction. 18 CFR part 152 specifies the data required to be filed by pipeline companies for an exemption.

*Type of Respondents:* Pipeline companies.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>1</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden and cost<sup>2</sup> for the information collection as:

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Number of respondents (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden hours & average cost (\$) per response (4)	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (\$) (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost (\$) per respondent (5) ÷ (1) = (6)
2 .....	1	2	60 hours; \$5,460 .....	120 hours; \$10,920 .....	\$5,460

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper

performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of

<sup>1</sup> “Burden” is the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a federal agency. See 5 CFR 1320 for

additional information on the definition of information collection burden.

<sup>2</sup> Commission staff estimates that the industry’s skill set and cost (for wages and benefits) for FERC–

574 are approximately the same as the Commission’s average cost. The FERC 2022 average salary plus benefits for one FERC full-time equivalent (FTE) is \$188,922/year (or \$91.00/hour).

the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: October 25, 2022.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP22–503–000, Docket No. CP22–502–000]

#### **Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for The Proposed Virginia Reliability Project and Commonwealth Energy Connector Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Schedule for Environmental Review**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Virginia Reliability Project and Commonwealth Energy Connector Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), respectively. Columbia's project would involve construction and operation of certain natural gas pipeline facilities in Greensville, Prince George, Sussex, Surry, Southampton, and Isle of Wight Counties, Virginia and in the cities of Suffolk and Chesapeake, Virginia. Transco's project would also involve construction and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in Mecklenburg, Brunswick, and Greensville Counties, Virginia. The Commission will use this EIS in its decision-making process to determine whether the projects are in the public convenience and necessity. The schedule for preparation of the EIS is discussed in the *Schedule for Environmental Review* section of this notice.

As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about

proposals and the environmental impacts that could result whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This gathering of public input is referred to as "scoping." By notice issued on February 22, 2022, in Docket Nos. PF22–3–000 and PF22–4–000, the Commission opened a scoping period during Columbia's and Transco's planning processes for the projects and prior to filing formal applications with the Commission, a process referred to as "pre-filing." By supplemental notice issued on March 7, 2022, the Commission extended the scoping period due to inadvertent mailing issues. Columbia and Transco have now filed respective applications with the Commission, and staff intends to prepare an EIS that will address the concerns raised during the pre-filing scoping process and comments received in response to this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document, including comments on potential alternatives and impacts, and any relevant information, studies, or analyses of any kind concerning impacts affecting the quality of the human environment. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on November 25, 2022. Comments may be submitted in written form. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

As mentioned above, during the pre-filing process, the Commission opened a scoping period which expired on April 6, 2022; however, Commission staff continued to accept comments during the entire pre-filing process. Staff also held two virtual scoping sessions to take oral scoping comments on March 15 and 30, 2022. All substantive written and oral comments provided during pre-filing will be addressed in the EIS. Therefore, if you submitted comments on these projects to the Commission during the pre-filing process in Docket Nos. PF22–3–000 and PF22–4–000 you do not need to file those comments again. Likewise, if you submitted comments in response to the Notice of Applications issued by the Commission on September 8, 2022, you do not need to file those comments again.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the

proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, the Natural Gas Act conveys the right of eminent domain to the company. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with state law. The Commission does not grant, exercise, or oversee the exercise of eminent domain authority. The courts have exclusive authority to handle eminent domain cases; the Commission has no jurisdiction over these matters.

Columbia and Transco provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" which addresses typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. This fact sheet along with other landowner topics of interest are available for viewing on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the Natural Gas Questions or Landowner Topics link.

#### **Public Participation**

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208–3676 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature, which is located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to FERC Online. Using *eComment* is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature, which is located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to FERC Online. With *eFiling*, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New *eFiling* users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; a comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing"; or