

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

7510-01-590-1503—Laser Toner
Cartridge, 12X

Designated Source of Supply: TRI Industries
NFP, Vernon Hills, IL

Contracting Activity: GSA/FAS ADMIN
SVCS ACQUISITION BR(2, NEW YORK,
NY

Service(s)

Service Type: Mattress & Box Spring
Rehabilitation

Designated Source of Supply: Mississippi
Industries for the Blind, Jackson, MS

Contracting Activity: GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION, FPDS AGENCY
COORDINATOR

Michael R. Jurkowski,

Acting Director, Business Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Defense Acquisition Regulations System****Negotiation of a Reciprocal Defense Procurement Agreement With the Ministry of Defense of Austria**

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the U.S. Government, DoD is contemplating negotiating and concluding a new Reciprocal Defense Procurement Agreement with the Ministry of Defense of Austria. DoD is requesting industry feedback regarding its experience in public defense procurements conducted by or on behalf of the Austrian Ministry of Defense or Armed Forces.

DATES: Comments must be received January 9, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments by email to jeffrey.c.grover.civ@mail.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeff Grover, telephone 703-380-9783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DoD has concluded Reciprocal Defense Procurement (RDP) Agreements with 28 qualifying countries, as defined in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) 225.003, at the level of the Secretary of Defense and his counterpart. The purpose of an RDP Agreement is to promote rationalization, standardization, and interoperability of conventional defense equipment with allies and other friendly governments. These Agreements provide a framework for ongoing communication regarding market access and procurement matters

that enhance effective defense cooperation.

RDP Agreements generally include language by which the Parties agree that their defense procurements will be conducted in accordance with certain implementing procedures. These procedures relate to—

- Publication of notices of proposed purchases;
- The content and availability of solicitations for proposed purchases;
- Notification to each unsuccessful offeror;
- Feedback, upon request, to unsuccessful offerors concerning the reasons they were not allowed to participate in a procurement or were not awarded a contract; and
- Provision for the hearing and review of complaints arising in connection with any phase of the procurement process to ensure that, to the extent possible, complaints are equitably and expeditiously resolved.

Based on the Agreement, each country affords the other country certain benefits on a reciprocal basis consistent with national laws and regulations. The benefits that the United States accords to the products of qualifying countries include—

- Offers of qualifying country end products are evaluated without applying the price differentials otherwise required by the Buy American statute and the Balance of Payments Program;
- The chemical warfare protection clothing restrictions in 10 U.S.C. 2533a and the specialty metals restriction in 10 U.S.C. 2533b do not apply to products manufactured in a qualifying country; and
- Customs, taxes, and duties are waived for qualifying country end products and components of defense procurements.

If DoD (for the U.S. Government) concludes a new RDP Agreement with the Ministry of Defense of Austria and DoD executes a blanket public interest determination, as intended, Austria will be listed as one of the qualifying countries at DFARS 225.872-1(a), removing the purchase-by-purchase requirement at DFARS 225.872-1(b) and individual determination procedures at DFARS 225.872-4.

While DoD is evaluating Austria's laws and regulations in this area, DoD would benefit from U.S. industry's experience in participating in Austrian public defense procurements. DoD is, therefore, asking U.S. firms that have participated or attempted to participate in procurements by or on behalf of Austria's Ministry of Defense or Armed Forces to let us know if the procurements were conducted with

transparency, integrity, fairness, and due process in accordance with published procedures, and if not, the nature of the problems encountered.

DoD is also interested in comments relating to the degree of reciprocity that exists between the United States and Austria when it comes to the openness of defense procurements to offers of products from the other country.

Jennifer D. Johnson,

Editor/Publisher, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Combined Notice of Filings**

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: PR23-15-000.
Applicants: Hope Gas, Inc.
Description: § 284.123(g) Rate Filing: HGI—2022 PGA Filing to be effective 12/1/2022.

Filed Date: 12/5/22.
Accession Number: 20221205-5041.
Comment Date: 12/23/2022.
184.123(g) Protest: 2/3/2023.

Docket Numbers: RP23-251-000.
Applicants: UGI Mt. Bethel Pipeline Company, LLC.

Description: Annual Report of Operational Purchases and Sales of UGI Mt. Bethel Pipeline, LLC.
Filed Date: 11/30/22.

Accession Number: 20221130-5539.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/12/22.
Docket Numbers: RP23-263-000.

Applicants: NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates—Enbridge Gas to DTE Energy 962849 eff 12-3-22 to be effective 12/3/2022.

Filed Date: 12/2/22.
Accession Number: 20221202-5099.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/14/22.
Docket Numbers: RP23-264-000.

Applicants: Midwestern Gas Transmission Company.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Update to Remove Non-Conforming Agreements to be effective 1/7/2023.

Filed Date: 12/2/22.
Accession Number: 20221202-5114.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/14/22.
Docket Numbers: RP23-265-000.
Applicants: Rockies Express Pipeline LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2022–12–02 Negotiated Rate Agreement to be effective 12/3/2022.

Filed Date: 12/5/22.

Accession Number: 20221205–5000.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/19/22.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

Filings in Existing Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP19–57–005.

Applicants: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: New York Delivery Surcharge Verplank Fire eff 1–1–23 to be effective 1/1/2023.

Filed Date: 12/2/22.

Accession Number: 20221202–5118.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/14/22.

Any person desiring to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Dated: December 5, 2022.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP23–18–000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that November 21, 2022, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) filed a prior notice request for authorization, in accordance with 18

CFR 157.205 and 157.208 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations under the Natural Gas Act and Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83–76–000 to perform various modifications of the existing 18-inch and 20-inch Line D420 Pipeline in Ohio to enable the in-line inspection or pigging of Line D420. Specifically, Columbia proposes to: (1) install one new 24" × 20" bi-directional launcher/receiver station, valves, fitting, and pipe at Mod Point 1 in Sandusky County, Ohio; (2) install one new 24" × 20" bi-directional launcher/receiver at Mod Point 5 in Sandusky County, Ohio; (3) install one new 24" × 18" bi-directional launcher/receiver at Mod Point 6 in Lucas County, Ohio; (4) install, replace, and/or remove appurtenances, including valves, stopples, and pipe, at the remaining three (3) Mod Points within Sandusky and Ottawa Counties, Ohio. Columbia estimates that the cost of the project will be about \$13 million, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions concerning this application should be directed to Allison Wells, Legal Counsel, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002–2700 at (832) 320–5376; or email at allison_wells@tcenergy.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental review and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or

issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or environmental assessment (EA) for this proposal. The filing of an EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests, motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 30, 2023. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

Protests

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,² any person³ or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed or if a protest is filed and then withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request for authorization will be considered by the Commission.

Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 157.205(e) of the Commission's regulations,⁴ and must be submitted by the protest deadline, which is January 30, 2023. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

² 18 CFR 157.205.

³ Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

⁴ 18 CFR 157.205(e).

¹ 18 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 157.9.