

extension of the expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. The information filed with the Commission is mandatory.

4. *Necessity of the Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of the Department of Energy Organization Act, and Executive Order No. 12009, 42 FR 46277 (September 13, 1977). The Commission has authority over interstate pipelines as stated in the Interstate Commerce Act, 49 U.S.C. § 6501 *et al.* As part of the information necessary for the subsequent investigation and review of an oil pipeline company's proposed depreciation rates, the pipeline companies are required to provide public service life data as part of their data submission if the proposed depreciation rates are based on the remaining physical life calculations. This service life data is submitted on FERC Form 73.

The scope of the Commission's jurisdiction over oil pipelines includes the authority to regulate their rates and charges for transportation of oil in interstate commerce, and the authority to establish valuations. Oil pipeline companies are required to submit depreciation information pursuant to 1-8(b)(2) and 1-8(b)(3) of the General Instructions found at 18 CFR Part 352 of the Commission's regulations. These instructions require oil pipeline carriers to compute percentage rate studies for their depreciable property accounts, and to maintain records as to the service life and net salvage value of their property and property retirements.

The Commission uses the information submitted on FERC Form 73 to conduct depreciation rate investigations of oil pipelines. The Commission also uses the information to determine appropriate oil pipeline service lives and book depreciation rates. Oil pipeline companies use book depreciation rates to compute the depreciation portion of their operating expenses when determining their cost of service. The Commission implements these requirements in 18 CFR 357.3 of its regulations.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises 2 companies (on average per year) subject to the Commission's jurisdiction

6. *Estimated Burden:* 80 total hours, 2 respondents (average per year), 1 response per respondent, and 40 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to respondents:* 80 hours/2080 hours per years × \$108,558 per year = \$4,176.

**Statutory Authority:** Sections 306 and 402 of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Pub. L. 95-91, 42 sections 7155 and 7172, Interstate Commerce Act, 49 U.S.C. 6501 *et al.*, and Executive Order No. 12009.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-305-021]

#### CenterPoint Energy—Mississippi River Transmission Corporation; Notice of Negotiated Rate Filing

April 14, 2005.

Take notice that on April 11, 2005, CenterPoint Energy—Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) tendered for filing and approval a negotiated rate agreement between MRT and CenterPoint Energy Gas Services, Inc. for parking service under Rate Schedule PALS. MRT requests that the Commission accept and approve the transaction to be effective May 1, 2005.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). 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 notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP05-268-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Service Agreement

April 14, 2005.

Take notice that on April 8, 2005, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing SST Service Agreement No. 82610 between Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation and Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. dated March 30, 2005 for consideration and approval

In addition, Columbia tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff Second Revised Volume No. 1, Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 500B, with a proposed effective date of April 1, 2005.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). 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 notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the date as indicated below. Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.