

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

[Docket No. IC08-521-001, FERC-521]

**Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Submitted For OMB Review**

May 6, 2008.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of this information collection requirement. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of February 19, 2008 (73 FR 9108-09) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by June 9, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, *c/o oira\_submission@omb.eop.gov* and include the OMB Control No. as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at 202-395-4650. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, ED-34, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. IC08-521-001.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in the acceptable filing format and in compliance with the Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission's submission guidelines. Complete filing instructions and acceptable filing formats are available at (<http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide/electronic-media.asp>). To file the document electronically, access the Commission's Web site at (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>), and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the eLibrary link. For user assistance, contact [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at [michael.miller@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.miller@ferc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Description**

The information collection submitted for OMB review contains the following:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-521 "Payments for Benefits from Headwater Improvements".
2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
3. *Control No.:* 1902-0087.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve with a three-year 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:* The information is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of section 10(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA). The FPA authorizes the Commission to determine headwater benefits received by downstream hydropower project owners. Headwater benefits are the additional energy production possible at a downstream hydropower project resulting from the regulation of river flows by an upstream storage reservoir.

When the Commission completes a study of a river basin, it determines headwater benefits charges that will be apportioned among the various downstream beneficiaries. A headwater benefits charge, and the cost incurred by the Commission to complete an evaluation are paid by downstream hydropower project owners. In essence, the owners of non-federal hydropower power projects that directly benefit from

a headwater(s) improvement must pay an equitable portion of the annual charges for interest, maintenance, and depreciation of the headwater project to the U.S. Treasury. The regulations provide for the apportionment of these costs between the headwater project and downstream projects based on a downstream energy gains and propose equitable apportionment methodology that can be applied to all river basins in which headwater improvements are built. The data the Commission requires owners of non-federal hydropower projects to file for determining annual charges is specified in 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 11.

5. *Respondent Description:* The Commission estimates that it will receive annually on average 3 filings per year.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 120 total hours, 3 respondents (average per year), 1 response per respondent, and .40 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to respondents:* The estimated total cost to respondents is \$7,291. (120 hours ÷ 2080 × \$126,384.)

**Statutory Authority:** Section 10(f) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 803.

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

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

[Docket No. CP06-466-001; Docket No. CP06-467-001]

**Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.; Somerset Gas Gathering of Pennsylvania, LLC; Notice of Application**

May 6, 2008.

Take notice that on March 31, 2008, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) and Somerset Gas Gathering of Pennsylvania, LLC (Somerset), filed in Docket Nos. CP06-466-001 and CP06-467-001, to amend the pending applications filed in Docket Nos. CP06-466-000 and CP06-467-000 to modify Somerset's plan for future operations of the facilities to be acquired and to provide additional technical and factual details regarding the 1818/1862 System. Specifically, Somerset clarifies that it plans to cut and cap certain portions of 1818/1862 System in order to better facilitate the functionalization of the facilities as gathering lines while ensuring the limited nature of the

transportation service provided to Columbia as described in Columbia and Somerset applications. Specifically, Columbia proposes to operate two sections of the system independently—one offering limited transportation service as described in the Columbia and Somerset Applications and the other operating as part of a gathering system—while two other sections will remain inactive, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8659 or TTY, (202) 208-3676.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Gregory D. Russell, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLP, 52 East Gay Street, P.O. Box 1008, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1008; telephone (614) 464-5468, fax (614) 719-4935, and/or Fredric J. George, Lead Counsel, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273; telephone (304) 357-2359, fax (304) 357-3206.

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) 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 EA for this proposal. The filing of the 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.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentors will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, 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.

*Comment Date:* May 27, 2008.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-207-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Application

May 6, 2008.

Take notice that on April 29, 2008, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), Post Office Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in Docket No. CP08-207-000, an application, pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), for an order authorizing Transco to: (1) Abandon its Hester Storage Field and a portion of the connecting pipeline (Hester Lateral), located in St. James Parish, Louisiana; and (2) install temporary compression to facilitate the withdrawal of recoverable injected base gas from the Hester Storage Field, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. 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.

Transco states that the abandonment of the Hester Storage Field is necessary because of continuing gas losses from the reservoir. Transco estimates that the complete abandonment of the storage field will take approximately three years (2009-2011) with the first two years devoted to withdrawing the recoverable