

Any questions regarding this Application should be directed to Michael E. McMahon, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, LP, 9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 2800, Houston, Texas 77046, or call (713) 479-8252, or fax (713) 479-1745, or by e-mail mike.mcmahon@bwpmlp.com.

Any person may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. Any person filing to intervene or the Commission's staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, 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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

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 commenters 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 commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentary, 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 via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-57-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

January 5, 2011.

Take notice that on December 22, 2010, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) 5151 San Felipe, Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77056, filed in Docket No. CP11-57-000, an application pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) as amended, to convert and abandon certain natural gas storage facilities in its Ripley storage field in Jackson County, West Virginia, under Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000,¹ all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to the public for inspection.

Columbia proposes to convert Storage Wells 7300 and 7320 from active injection/withdrawal status to observation well status and abandon storage well pipelines Lines X-59W-7300, X-59W-7320, and X-59-F-2 along with their respective appurtenances. Columbia also proposes to abandon natural gas service to one landowner who would be directly affected by abandonment of the facilities herein. Columbia states that it would compensate the landowner's transition to an alternative source of energy.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Fredric J. George, Senior Counsel, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273 or via telephone at (304) 357-2359 or by facsimile (304) 357-3206.

This filing is available for review at the Commission or may 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 filed to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERC OnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free at (866) 206-3676, or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The

Commission strongly encourages intervenors to file electronically.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9252-6]

Notice of a Regional Project Waiver of Section 1605 (Buy American) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to the Hyannis Water System in Hyannis, MA

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA is hereby granting a waiver of the Buy American requirements of ARRA Section 1605 under the authority of Section 1605(b)(2) [manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality] to the Hyannis Water System in Hyannis, Massachusetts ("System") for the purchase of fourteen security cameras as part of a Security and Fire Alarm System Project. This is a project specific waiver and only applies to the use of the specified product for the ARRA project being proposed. Any other ARRA recipient that wishes to use the same product must apply for a separate waiver based on project specific circumstances. Based upon information submitted by the System and its consulting engineer, it has been determined that there are currently no domestically manufactured security cameras available to meet its proposed project specifications. The Regional

¹ 22 FERC ¶ 62,029 (1983).

Administrator is making this determination based on the review and recommendations of the Municipal Assistance Unit. The Assistant Administrator of the Office of Administration and Resources Management has concurred on this decision to make an exception to Section 1605 of ARRA. This action permits the purchase of fourteen security cameras by the System, as specified in its October 19, 2010 request.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 5, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katie Connors, Environmental Engineer, (617) 918-1658, or David Chin, Environmental Engineer, (617) 918-1764, Municipal Assistance Unit (CMU), Office of Ecosystem Protection (OEP), U.S. EPA, 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, Boston, MA 02109-3912.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with ARRA Section 1605(c), the EPA hereby provides notice that it is granting a project waiver of the requirements of Section 1605(b)(2) of Public Law 111-5, Buy American requirements, to the System for the purchase of non-domestically manufactured security cameras to meet the System's specifications as part of their Security and Fire Alarm System Project.

Section 1605 of the ARRA requires that none of the appropriated funds may be used for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or a public works project unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project is produced in the United States, or unless a waiver is provided to the recipient by the head of the appropriate agency, here the EPA. A waiver may be provided if EPA determines that (1) applying these requirements would be inconsistent with the public interest; (2) iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or (3) inclusion of iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

EPA has also evaluated the System's request to determine if its submission is considered late or if it could be considered timely, as per the OMB Guidance at 2 CFR 176.120. EPA will generally regard waiver requests with respect to components that were specified in the bid solicitation or in a general/primary construction contract as "late" if submitted after the contract

date. However, EPA could also determine that a request be evaluated as timely, though made after the date that the contract was signed, if the need for a waiver was not reasonably foreseeable. If the need for a waiver is reasonably foreseeable, then EPA could still apply discretion in these late cases as per the OMB Guidance, which says "the award official may deny the request." For those waiver requests that do not have a reasonably unforeseeable basis for lateness, but for which the waiver basis is valid and there is no apparent gain by the ARRA recipient or loss on behalf of the government, then EPA will still consider granting a waiver.

In this case, there are no U.S. manufacturers that meet the System's project specifications for these security cameras. The waiver request was submitted after the contract date during the shop drawing phase. An extensive search was conducted by the recipient for a domestic security camera which would meet the project specifications but none were available at the time of the request. Although it was known that the security cameras would be needed for this project, it was the last contract for the project and was not looked at until much later in the construction timeline. There is no indication that the System failed to request a waiver in order to avoid the requirements of the ARRA, particularly since there are no domestically manufactured products available that meet the project specifications. EPA will consider the System's waiver request a foreseeable late request, as though it had been timely made since there is no gain by the System and no loss by the government due to the late request.

The System is requesting a waiver from the Buy American provision of ARRA for fourteen Panasonic Super Dynamic III PTZ color CCD security cameras manufactured by the Panasonic Corporation. The security cameras are scheduled for installation by early December 2010. The technical specifications indicate that the security cameras should be IP cameras with a 1/4-inch progressive scan charge-coupled device (CCD) imager with 380,000 (768 × 494) pixels resolution. Additionally, the specifications include that the cameras should have digital signal processing, 0.7 lux sensitivity in color mode, both standard and fast shutter speeds, image processing of both long and short charges, image hold capability, auto back light compensation, automatic tracing white balance adjustment for day and night, built-in digital motion-detector, performance in extreme low-light conditions, scene-change detection with

an alarm, shutter adjustable from 1/60 to 1/10,000 second, eight privacy zones, focal length of 3.79 to 83.4 mm, continuous zoom of 10X for a total magnification of 220X, and aperture of f/1.6 at wide angle and f/3.0 at telephoto. The detailed technical specifications were written as such in order to ensure that the security cameras installed as part of the project would be able to utilize advanced programming technology. The security cameras are required not only to be configured with the alarm system, but to transfer images through the facility's current computer system.

The System has researched 36 foreign and domestic manufacturers of security cameras and has determined that domestic manufacturers are not able to manufacture a camera that would meet the technical specifications. The System has proposed the Panasonic Super Dynamic III PTZ color CCD security camera because it meets all the technical specifications.

An evaluation of all of the submitted documentation by EPA's technical review team supports and confirms the System's claim that there are currently no domestic manufacturers that can provide a security camera that meets all the project specifications. An independent review of the submitted documentation by EPA's national contractor found four possible domestic manufacturers. However, none of the manufacturers contacted currently provides a product that would meet all the project specifications. The domestic products in general give less resolution, have fewer functions, and are not as instantly Internet-accessible. In addition, the evaluation of the supporting documentation demonstrated that foreign manufactured security cameras are available and will be able to meet the proposed specifications.

The April 28, 2009 EPA HQ Memorandum, "Implementation of Buy American provisions of Public Law 111-5, the 'American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009'" ("Memorandum"), defines *reasonably available quantity* as "the quantity of iron, steel, or relevant manufactured good is available or will be available at the time needed and place needed, and in the proper form or specification as specified in the project plans and design." The same Memorandum defines "satisfactory quality" as "the quality of steel, iron or manufactured good specified in the project plans and designs."

The purpose of the ARRA is to stimulate economic recovery by funding current infrastructure construction, not

to delay or require the substantial redesign of projects that are “shovel ready”, such as this project at the Hyannis Water System. The implementation of the ARRA Buy American requirements in this case could result in additional cost for this project and unreasonable delay in its completion. Such delay would also directly conflict with a fundamental economic purpose of ARRA, which is to create or retain jobs.

The Municipal Assistance Unit (CMU) has reviewed this waiver request and has determined that the supporting documentation provided by the System establishes both a proper basis to specify a particular manufactured good, and that the domestically manufactured good that is currently available does not meet the specifications for the proposed project. The information provided is sufficient to meet the following criteria listed under Section 1605(b) of the ARRA and in the April 28, 2009 Memorandum: Iron, steel, and the manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality.

The March 31, 2009 Delegation of Authority Memorandum provided Regional Administrators with the temporary authority to issue exceptions to Section 1605 of the ARRA within the geographic boundaries of their respective regions and with respect to requests by individual grant recipients.

Having established both a proper basis to specify the particular good required for this project and that this manufactured good was not available from a producer in the United States, the Hyannis Water System is hereby granted a waiver from the Buy American requirements of Section 1605(a) of Public Law 111–5. This waiver permits use of ARRA funds for the purchase of fourteen security cameras documented in System’s waiver request submittal dated October 19, 2010. This supplementary information constitutes the detailed written justification required by Section 1605(c) for waivers based on a finding under subsection (b).

Authority: Pub. L. 111–5, section 1605.

Dated: January 5, 2011.

Ira W. Leighton,

Acting Regional Administrator, EPA Region 1—New England.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Request for Nominations of Experts to Augment the SAB Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office is requesting public nominations for scientists and engineers to augment the SAB Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards (STAA) Committee.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted by February 3, 2011 per instructions below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Notice and Request for Nominations may contact Mr. Edward Hanlon, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SAB Staff Office, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564–2134; by fax at (202) 565–2098 or via email at hanlon.edward@epa.gov. General information concerning the EPA Science Advisory Board can be found at the EPA SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The SAB (42 U.S.C. 4365) is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee that provides independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for EPA actions. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the SAB conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and related regulations. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies.

EPA’s STAA Program was established in 1980 to recognize Agency scientists and engineers who published their work in the peer-reviewed literature. The STAA Program is an annual Agency-wide competition to promote and recognize scientific and technological achievements by EPA employees. The STAA program is administered and managed by EPA’s Office of Research and Development (ORD). ORD requested SAB to review scientific publications nominated by EPA managers and make recommendations to the Administrator for STAA awards.

A STAA Committee was formed in June 2009 to provide recommendations to the Administrator regarding the nominated 2009, 2010 and 2011 STAA awards. The STAA Committee was augmented with additional experts to make recommendations for the 2010 STAA awards (**Federal Register** Notice Volume 75, Number 44, Pages 10481–10482, published on March 8, 2010). There is a need to supplement the STAA Committee with additional expertise to review the 2011 STAA nominations.

Request for Nominations: The SAB Staff Office is seeking nominations of nationally and internationally recognized scientists and engineers having experience and expertise in environmental and human health sciences, ecology, risk assessment, environmental engineering, environmental lifecycle or systems analysis, and in environmental sustainability fields such as in green chemistry, green technologies, and green building design.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals in the areas of expertise described above for possible service on this expert *ad hoc* Panel. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format (which is preferred over hard copy) following the instructions for “Nominating Experts to Advisory Panels and Ad Hoc Committees Being Formed” provided on the SAB Web site. The instructions can be accessed through the “Nomination of Experts” link on the blue navigational bar on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. To receive full consideration, nominations should include all of the information requested.

EPA’s SAB Staff Office requests: contact information about the person making the nomination; contact information about the nominee; the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; the nominee’s curriculum vita; sources of recent grant and/or contract support; and a biographical sketch of the nominee indicating current position, educational background, research activities, and recent service on other national advisory committees or national professional organizations.

Persons having questions about the nomination procedures, or who are unable to submit nominations through the SAB Web site, should contact Mr. Edward Hanlon, DFO, as indicated above in this notice. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than February 3, 2011. EPA values and welcomes diversity. In an effort to