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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP13-533-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Prior Notice of Activity Under Blanket Certificate

On August 14, 2013, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Sections 157.205 and 157.210 of the Commission's regulations and Columbia's authorization in Docket No. CP83-76-000, 22 FERC ¶62,029 (1983), to convert some existing compressor units from base load to standby operational mode at three compressor stations. As explained in the application, the affected stations are located in Braxton County, Hardy Elk County, and Pendleton County, West Virginia.

Questions regarding this application may be directed to Fredric J. George, Senior Counsel, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273, by calling 304-357-2359 or 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 (NSER). 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 NSER 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.

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.

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 motions or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant, on or before the comment date. It is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission 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 five 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 email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC13-15-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-582); Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the information collection FERC-582 (Electric Fees, Annual Charges, Waivers, and Exemptions) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. 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 issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 47310, 8/5/2013) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-582 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

**Note:** Commission staff is issuing this notice to highlight a change in the estimated total annual burden from what was shown in two recent notices. In each prior notice,<sup>1</sup> FERC estimated the total annual burden at 114 hours. FERC has revised the estimation of the total annual burden to 300 hours, which better reflects past burden estimates for this collection. More specifically, portions of the total annual burden were increased from 1 hour per response to 3 hours per response (Annual Charges) and 2 hours per response (Declaratory Order), consistent with estimates for this collection since the last time it was approved by OMB. The total number of respondents remained static. Further detail regarding the total annual burden is provided below in the "Estimate of Annual Burden" section of this notice.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by September 20, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0132, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: [oir\\_submission@omb.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.gov). Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202-395-4718.

<sup>1</sup> 78 FR 30912, 5/23/2013; and 78 FR 47310, 8/5/2013.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, identified by the Docket No. IC13-15-000, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

*Instructions:* All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. 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), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

*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 <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), by telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Electric Fees, Annual Charges, Waivers, and Exemptions.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0132.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-582 information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The information required by FERC-582 is contained within 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 381<sup>2</sup> and part 382.<sup>3</sup>

The Commission uses the FERC-582 to implement the statutory provisions of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act of 1952 (IOAA)<sup>4</sup> which authorizes the Commission to establish fees for its services. In addition, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (OBRA)<sup>5</sup> authorizes the Commission to assess and collect fees and annual charges in any fiscal year in amounts equal to all the costs incurred by the Commission in that fiscal year.

To comply with the FERC-582, respondents submit to the Commission the sum of the megawatt-hours (MWh) of all unbundled transmission (including MWh delivered in wheeling transactions and MWh delivered in exchange transactions) and the megawatt-hours of all bundled wholesale power sales (to the extent the bundled wholesale power sales were not separately reported as unbundled transmission). The data collected within the FERC-582 is drawn directly from the FERC Form 1 transmission data. The Commission sums the costs of its electric regulatory program and

subtracts all electric regulatory program filing fee collections to determine the total collectible electric regulatory program costs. Then, the Commission uses the data submitted under FERC-582 to determine the total megawatt-hours of transmission of electric energy in interstate commerce.

Respondents (public utilities, power marketers) subject to these annual charges must submit FERC-582 data to the Commission by April 30 of each year.<sup>6</sup> The Commission issues bills for annual charges to respondents. Then, respondents must pay the charges within 45 days of the Commission's issuance of the bill.

Respondents may file requests for waivers and exemptions of fees and charges<sup>7</sup> based on need. The Commission's staff uses the filer's financial information to evaluate the request for a waiver or exemption of the obligation to pay a fee or an annual charge.

Respondents may also file petitions for declaratory orders and requests for OGC interpretations.

*Type of Respondents:* Public utilities and power marketers.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>8</sup> The Commission revises its estimate of the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:<sup>9</sup>

**FERC-582: ELECTRIC FEES; ANNUAL CHARGES; WAIVERS; AND EXEMPTIONS**

FERC-582 <sup>10</sup>	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden
	(A)	(B)	(A)x(B)=(C)	(D)	(C)x(D)
Annual Charges .....	73	1	73	3	219
Declaratory Order .....	40	1	40	2	80
OGC Interpretation .....	1	1	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>300</b>

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$21,000 [300 hours \* \$70 per hour<sup>11</sup> = \$21,000]

*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 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.

<sup>2</sup> Title 18 CFR, Sections 381.105, 381.106, 381.108, 381.302, and 381.305.

<sup>3</sup> Title 18 CFR, Sections 382.102, 382.103, 382.105, 382.106, and 382.201.

<sup>4</sup> 31 U.S.C. 9701.

<sup>5</sup> 42 U.S.C. 7178.

<sup>6</sup> 18 CFR 382.201.

<sup>7</sup> 18 CFR 381 and 382.

<sup>8</sup> Burden is defined as 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. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>9</sup> See "Summary" section above for more information about the revision to the burden estimates as compared to recent notices.

<sup>10</sup> Includes requirements of:

- 18 CFR 381.105 (methods of payment), 381.106 (waiver), 381.108 (exemption), 381.302 (declaratory

order), 381.303 (review of DOE remedial order), 381.304 (DOE denial of adjustment, and 381.305 (OGC interpretation).

- 18 CFR 382.102, 382.103, 382.105, 382.106, 382.106 (annual charges).

Parts not shown in the table are not shown because we don't expect to see any of these filings in the next three years.

<sup>11</sup> This is a loaded cost (wages plus benefits) for a full-time employee.

Dated: August 23, 2013.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP13-534-000; PF13-6-000]

#### East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on August 14, 2013, East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC (East Tennessee), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, for authorization to construct, own, and operate the Kingsport Expansion Project (Project) located in Sullivan County, Tennessee and Washington County, Virginia. 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 (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

The Project is designed to provide natural gas service to Eastman Chemical Company's (Eastman) existing manufacturing facility in Sullivan County, Tennessee. East Tennessee and Eastman have executed a precedent agreement for 61,000 Dth/day of firm transportation service for a primary term of 25 years from the service commencement date. East Tennessee proposes to construct approximately 6.5 miles of new 16-inch diameter natural gas pipeline mainline extension and related facilities in Sullivan County, Tennessee. East Tennessee proposes to abandon in place, removal, and relay of 8-inch diameter pipeline with 24-inch diameter pipeline and construct approximately 3.3 miles, 16-inch diameter loop of the existing Nora Line in Washington County, Virginia. Also, East Tennessee will construct approximately 5.7 miles of pipeline in Smyth County, Virginia. East Tennessee estimates that the proposed project will cost approximately \$113.5 million and proposes an initial incremental recourse rate for firm transportation service on the Kingsport Project under Rate Schedule FT-A. East Tennessee proposes an in-service date for the Project being January 1, 2015.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Lisa A. Connolly, General Manager, Rates & Certificates, East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC, 5400 Westheimer Court, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, by telephone at (713) 627-4102, or by email at [laconnolly@spectraenergy.com](mailto:laconnolly@spectraenergy.com).

On January 23, 2013, the Commission staff granted East Tennessee's request to use the pre-filing process and assigned Docket No. PF13-6-000 to staff activities involving the Project. Now, as of the filing of this application on August 14, 2013, the NEPA Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP13-534-000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

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 5 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 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 commenters 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.

Motions to intervene, protests and comments 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 electronic filings.

*Comment Date:* September 12, 2013.

Dated: August 22, 2013.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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