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 Accession Number: 20140827-5050.
 Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/17/14.
 Docket Numbers: ER14-2452-001.
 Applicants: Louisville Gas and Electric Company.
 Description: Tariff Amendment per 35.17(b): Att L Amendment Filing to be effective 9/15/2014.
 Filed Date: 8/27/14.
 Accession Number: 20140827-5036.
 Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/17/14.
 Docket Numbers: ER14-2705-000.
 Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
 Description: § 205(d) rate filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): Revisions to the OATT re: FMU Adder to be effective 11/1/2014.
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 Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/16/14.
 Docket Numbers: ER14-2711-000.
 Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
 Description: § 205(d) rate filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): 2014-08-xx 719 extension request to be effective 6/12/2012.
 Filed Date: 8/26/14.
 Accession Number: 20140826-5117.
 Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/16/14.
 Docket Numbers: ER14-2712-000.
 Applicants: Portland General Electric Company.
 Description: Compliance filing per 35: PGE11 MBR Revisions 2014 to be effective 9/1/2014.
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 Docket Numbers: ER14-2713-000.
 Applicants: Portland General Electric Company.
 Description: § 205(d) rate filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): Sched 5-6 Att N Sec 3 to be effective 10/1/2014.
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 Docket Numbers: ER14-2714-000.
 Applicants: MidAmerican Energy Company.
 Description: § 205(d) rate filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): Blackhawk-Hazleton Joint Ownership Agreement to be effective 10/24/2014.
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 Docket Numbers: ER14-2715-000.
 Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
 Description: § 205(d) rate filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): 2014-08-27 SA 2690 Big Stone Plant T-T IA to be effective 8/28/2014.
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 Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/17/14.
 Docket Numbers: ER14-2716-000.
 Applicants: Michigan Electric Transmission Company.
 Description: § 205(d) rate filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): Filing of CIAC Agreement with ITC Interconnection LLC to be effective 10/26/2014.
 Filed Date: 8/27/14.
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 Docket Numbers: ER14-2717-000.
 Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
 Description: § 205(d) rate filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): 2014-08-27 SA 2691 Big Stone Substation T-T IA (NSP-OTP) to be effective 8/28/2014.
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 Docket Numbers: ER14-2719-000.
 Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
 Description: § 205(d) rate filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): 2014-08-27 SA 2692 Big Stone South-Brookings T-T IA (NSP-OTP) to be effective 8/28/2014.
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 Docket Numbers: ER14-2720-000.
 Applicants: Limon Wind, LLC.
 Description: § 205(d) rate filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): Limon Wind, LLC Amended and Restated Shared Facilities Agreement to be effective 8/28/2014.
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 The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.
 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.
 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.
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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
 Deputy Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. PF14-15-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned E-Systems Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the E-Systems Project (Project) involving construction and operation of facilities by Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) in Bath, Bracken, Menifee, Montgomery, Nicholas, and Robertson Counties, Kentucky. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on September 26, 2014.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to

participate in the Commission's proceedings.

Summary of the Planned Project

The Project would entail modernization of Columbia's existing E-System through replacement of bare steel pipe with coated pipe, installation of pig launchers and receivers, and replacement of several mainline valve assemblies and fittings to facilitate pipeline maintenance.

Specifically, the Project would consist of the following facilities:

- Construction of a 17.8 mile-long segment of 20-inch-diameter coated steel looped¹ pipeline in Bracken County, Kentucky, and abandonment in place of a corresponding looped section of existing bare steel E-Loop Pipeline;
- construction of a 4.3-mile-long segment of 20-inch-diameter coated steel looped pipeline in Nicholas County, and abandonment in place of a corresponding looped section of existing bare steel E-Loop Pipeline;
- installation of a bi-directional launcher/receiver and associated valves and fittings to make the pipeline pig-capable² in Bath, Bracken, Montgomery, Nicholas, and Robertson Counties, Kentucky;
- construction of about 1,800 feet of the new 20-inch-diameter E-Loop Pipeline across the Licking River between Robertson and Nicholas Counties to replace the existing 16-inch-diameter pipeline crossing;
- installation of a bi-directional launcher/receiver on Line EM2 at an existing meter station in Menifee County, Kentucky, to make the pipeline pig-capable;
- modification of 12 sites on Line EKY to make the pipeline pig-capable;
- construction of about 1,800 feet of new 14-inch-diameter pipeline across the Licking River between Robertson and Nicholas Counties to replace the existing dual 12-inch-diameter pipeline crossing;
- construction of about 1,500 feet of new 14-inch-diameter pipeline across the North Fork Licking River between Bracken and Robertson Counties to replace the existing dual 12-inch-diameter pipeline crossing; and
- install four bi-directional launcher/receiver sites on Line EM7 to make the pipeline pig-capable in Menifee, Robertson, and Nicholas Counties.

¹ A pipeline loop is a segment of pipe constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity.

² A "pig" is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.³

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the planned facilities would disturb about 192 acres of land for the aboveground facilities and the pipeline. Following construction, Columbia would maintain about 73 acres for permanent operation of the Project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and revert to former uses.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us⁴ to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as scoping. The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. We will consider all filed comments during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the planned project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- land use;
- water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
- cultural resources;
- vegetation and wildlife;
- air quality and noise;
- endangered and threatened species;
- public safety; and
- cumulative impacts.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the planned project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Although no formal application has been filed, we have already initiated our NEPA review under the Commission's pre-filing process. The purpose of the

³ The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at www.ferc.gov using the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

⁴ "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.

pre-filing process is to encourage early involvement of interested stakeholders and to identify and resolve issues before the FERC receives an application. As part of our pre-filing review, we have begun to contact some federal and state agencies to discuss their involvement in the scoping process and the preparation of the EA.

The EA will present our independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in the public record through eLibrary. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, we may also publish and distribute the EA to the public for an allotted comment period. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure we have the opportunity to consider and address your comments, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section beginning on page 5.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues related to this project to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA.⁵ Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice. Currently, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has expressed its intention to participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA to satisfy its NEPA responsibilities related to this project.

Consultations Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Office, and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.⁶ We will define the project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPO as the project develops. On natural gas facility projects, the APE at a minimum

⁵ The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.6.

⁶ The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

encompasses all areas subject to ground disturbance (examples include construction right-of-way, contractor/pipe storage yards, compressor stations, and access roads). Our EA for this project will document our findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the planned facilities and the environmental information provided by Columbia. This preliminary list of issues may change based on your comments and our analysis.

- Impacts on federally listed threatened and endangered species;
- Impacts on perennial waterbodies; and
- Impacts on wetlands.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before September 26, 2014.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (PF14–15–000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or efiling@ferc.gov.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature located on the Commission's Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. This is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically using the *eFiling* feature located on the Commission's Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. With *eFiling*, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New *eFiling* users must first create an account by clicking on "*eRegister*." You must select

the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the planned project.

If we publish and distribute the EA, copies will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (appendix 2).

Becoming an Intervenor

Once Columbia files its application with the Commission, you may want to become an "intervenor" which is an official party to the Commission's proceeding. Intervenors play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are in the User's Guide under the "e-filing" link on the Commission's Web site. Please note that the Commission will not accept requests for intervenor status at this time. You must wait until the Commission receives a formal application for the project.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the

Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., PF14–15). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx along with other related information.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14357–001]

San Jose Water Company; Notice of Effectiveness of Surrender

On May 24, 2012, the Commission issued an Order Granting Exemption from Licensing (Conduit)¹ to the San Jose Water Company (SJWC), for the Hostetter Turnout Pressure Reducing Valve Modernization Project, FERC No. 14357. The unconstructed project would have been located in parallel with the Hostetter Turnout Pressure Reduction Facility (Hostetter Turnout Station) in San Jose, California.

On May 07, 2014, SJWC filed an application with the Commission to surrender the exemption. SJWC says the underground vault design shows that the project would be partially located on private property, outside of the public

¹ *San Jose Water Company*, 139 FERC ¶ 62,153 (2012).