

V. Conclusion

CNA respectfully requests that DOE grant its Petition for Waiver of the applicable test procedure for the specified basic model and grant its Petition for Interim Waiver.

CNA requests expedited treatment of these Petitions for Interim Waiver and Waiver. In that regard, DOE has stated in its notice concerning its certification, compliance, and enforcement rule: “The Department renews its commitment to act swiftly on waiver requests.”⁶ CNA appreciates this commitment by DOE.

Respectfully submitted,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20-512-000]

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

Take notice that on August 24, 2020, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, filed in Docket No. CP20-512-000 a prior notice request pursuant to sections

157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission’s regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Columbia’s blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000, to abandon two injection/withdrawal wells and associated pipelines and appurtenances, located in its Laurel Storage Field in Hocking County, Ohio, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission’s Home Page (<http://ferc.gov>) using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission’s Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Sorana Linder, Director, Modernization & Certificates, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700, Houston, Texas, 77002-2700, at (832) 320-5209 or sorana_linder@tcenergy.com.

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.

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.

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 and will be notified of any 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 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 “eFile” link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Dated: August 31, 2020.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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⁶ Energy Conservation Program: Certification, Compliance, and Enforcement for Consumer Products and Commercial and Industrial Equipment, 76 FR 12421, 12442 (March 7, 2011). DOE goes on to state, “DOE, as a matter of policy, will refrain from enforcement actions related to a waiver request that is pending with the Department.” *Id.* To the same effect, DOE has stated, “DOE recognizes that product innovations will always outpace DOE’s rulemaking efforts. Thus, to encourage waivers and prevent the Department’s administrative waiver process from delaying or deterring the introduction of novel, innovative products into the marketplace, the Department, as a matter of policy, will refrain from an enforcement action related to a specific basic model while a waiver request is pending with the Department.” Enforcement Policy Statement—Pending Test Procedure Waiver Applications (issued Dec. 23, 2010) (re-issued Apr. 5, 2017), <https://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2017/04/f34/Enforcement%20Policy%20-%20waivers.pdf>.