

Renewal Corporation as co-licensees. In the amended surrender application filed on November 17, 2020, PacifiCorp and the Renewal Corporation indicated that they will not be accepting co-licensee status. PacifiCorp and the Renewal Corporation state that they intend to file a new transfer application by January 16, 2021, requesting that the Lower Klamath Project be transferred from PacifiCorp to the Renewal Corporation and the states of California and Oregon, for the purposes of license surrender and decommissioning the four developments.

Also included in the November 17 filing was a Memorandum of Agreement entered into by PacifiCorp, the Renewal Corporation, the Karuk Tribe, the Yurok Tribe, and the states of California and Oregon indicating the parties' support for the new transfer proposal to be filed by January 16, 2021.

With PacifiCorp's consent and technical support, the Renewal Corporation will act as the proponent of the surrender application and is authorized to act as the Commission's non-federal representative in ongoing consultations.

l. *Locations of the Application:* This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website 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. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title COMMENTS, PROTEST, or MOTION TO INTERVENE as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

Dated: December 16, 2020.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP21-17-000]

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

Take notice that on December 11, 2020, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, filed in Docket No. CP21-17-000 a prior notice request pursuant to section 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act, for authorization to abandon 9 injection/withdrawal wells and associated pipelines and appurtenances, located in its Wellington Storage Field in Lorain and Medina Counties, Ohio (2021 Wellington Well Abandonments Project).

Specifically, Columbia proposes to plug and abandon wells 7779, 8907, 8908, 8909, 8968, 9060, 9031, 9121, and 9309, and their associated pipelines. Columbia asserts that plugging and abandoning these wells will reduce integrity risk in alignment with the PHMSA Storage Final Rule. Columbia states that there will be no change to the existing boundary, total inventory, reservoir pressure, reservoir and buffer boundaries, or the certificated capacity of the Wellington Storage Field as a result of these abandonments, therefore will have no impact on Columbia's existing customers or affect Columbia's

existing storage operations, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The filing is available for review on the Commission's website web 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, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659. 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.

Any questions concerning this application should 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 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 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 commenter's 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 commenter's 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>. Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, 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: December 16, 2020.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0640; FRL-10018-92-Region 4]

EPA's Approval of Florida's Clean Water Act Section 404 Assumption Request

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On August 20, 2020, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received from the Governor of the State of Florida a complete program submission to assume regulating discharges of dredged or fill material into waters within the jurisdiction of the State in accordance with Clean Water Act (CWA) section 404(g-1). Receipt of the package initiated a 120-day statutory review period. After careful review of the package submitted, as well as

consideration of comments submitted on the package by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), comments received during consultation with tribes, and over 3,000 comments received from the public, EPA has determined that the State of Florida has the necessary authority to operate a CWA Section 404 program in accordance with the requirements found in CWA section 404(g-1) and EPA's implementing regulations. Therefore, EPA has taken final action to approve Florida's assumption of the program.

DATES: Florida's program assumption will be applicable December 22, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kelly Laycock, Oceans, Wetlands and Streams Protection Branch, USEPA Region 4, 61 Forsyth St. SW, Atlanta, GA 30303; telephone number: (404) 562-9262; email address: 404Assumption-FL@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CWA established the Section 404 program, under which the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers of the Corps, may issue permits for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States as identified in the CWA. Section 404(g)(1) of the CWA provides states and tribes the option of submitting to EPA a request to assume administration of a CWA Section 404 program in certain waters within state or tribal jurisdiction.

The regulations establishing the requirements for the approval of state or tribal programs under section 404 of the CWA were published in the **Federal Register** at 53 FR 20764 (June 6, 1988) (40 CFR parts 232 and 233), and can be accessed at <https://www.epa.gov/cwa404g/statutory-and-regulatory-requirements-assumption-under-cwa-section-404>. "State regulated waters" are defined in 40 CFR 232.2.

The Corps generally retains CWA Section 404 permitting authority over waters of the United States within "Indian country" as that term is defined at 18 U.S.C. 1151, unless a tribe has assumed administration of a CWA Section 404 program within Indian country. See 40 CFR 233.1(b).

A state application to administer a Section 404 program must include the following: (a) A letter from the Governor of the state requesting program approval; (b) a complete program description as set forth in 40 CFR 233.11; (c) an Attorney General's statement or a statement from the attorney for those state or interstate agencies which have independent legal counsel, as set forth in 40 CFR 233.12;

(d) a Memorandum of Agreement with the EPA Regional Administrator, as set forth in 40 CFR 233.13; (e) a Memorandum of Agreement with the Secretary of the Army, as set forth in 40 CFR 233.14; and (f) copies of all applicable state statutes and regulations, including those governing applicable state administrative procedures. 40 CFR 233.10.

On September 16, 2020, EPA published a **Federal Register** notice of its receipt of a complete program assumption request package (85 FR 57853), opened a public comment period, and scheduled two virtual public hearings on the Section 404 program submitted by Florida. EPA held virtual public hearings on October 21, 2020, and October 27, 2020, and received comments submitted to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0640 during the public comment period which ended November 2, 2020. EPA received and reviewed over 3,000 comments submitted during the comment period and public hearings, comments provided during tribal consultation, as well as comments from USFWS, NMFS, and the Corps. EPA also consulted under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act with the USFWS, and under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer (Florida SHPO), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and Indian tribes with interests in the State of Florida on its decision whether to approve Florida's program request. On December 16, 2020, EPA entered into a programmatic agreement with the ACHP, the Florida SHPO, and FDEP which evidences EPA's compliance with section 106 of the NHPA and its implementing regulations. The programmatic agreement became effective on December 16, 2020. EPA has concluded that the State of Florida and FDEP have the necessary authority to operate a program in accordance with the requirements found in CWA section 404 and 40 CFR part 233. EPA has met its requirements under ESA section 7(a)(2) by completing ESA consultation and receiving a "no jeopardy" Biological Opinion from the USFWS on November 17, 2020. A summary of the comments received, EPA's responses to the comments, and a memorandum documenting the basis for EPA's decision ("State of Florida's Request to Assume a Clean Water Act Section 404 Program", December 17, 2020) can be found in the docket for this action