

*NSN(s)—Product Name(s):*7510-01-590-1503—Laser Toner  
Cartridge, 12X*Designated Source of Supply:* TRI Industries  
NFP, Vernon Hills, IL*Contracting Activity:* GSA/FAS ADMIN  
SVCS ACQUISITION BR(2, NEW YORK,  
NY*Service(s)**Service Type:* Mattress & Box Spring  
Rehabilitation*Designated Source of Supply:* Mississippi  
Industries for the Blind, Jackson, MS*Contracting Activity:* GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION, FPDS AGENCY  
COORDINATOR**Michael R. Jurkowski,***Acting Director, Business Operations.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Defense Acquisition Regulations  
System****Negotiation of a Reciprocal Defense  
Procurement Agreement With the  
Ministry of Defense of Austria****AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition  
Regulations System, Department of  
Defense (DoD).**ACTION:** Notice and request for public  
comments.**SUMMARY:** On behalf of the U.S.  
Government, DoD is contemplating  
negotiating and concluding a new  
Reciprocal Defense Procurement  
Agreement with the Ministry of Defense  
of Austria. DoD is requesting industry  
feedback regarding its experience in  
public defense procurements conducted  
by or on behalf of the Austrian Ministry  
of Defense or Armed Forces.**DATES:** Comments must be received  
January 9, 2023.**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments by email  
to [jeffrey.c.grover.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jeffrey.c.grover.civ@mail.mil).**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr.  
Jeff Grover, telephone 703-380-9783.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DoD has  
concluded Reciprocal Defense  
Procurement (RDP) Agreements with 28  
qualifying countries, as defined in the  
Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation  
Supplement (DFARS) 225.003, at the  
level of the Secretary of Defense and his  
counterpart. The purpose of an RDP  
Agreement is to promote rationalization,  
standardization, and interoperability of  
conventional defense equipment with  
allies and other friendly governments.  
These Agreements provide a framework  
for ongoing communication regarding  
market access and procurement mattersthat enhance effective defense  
cooperation.RDP Agreements generally include  
language by which the Parties agree that  
their defense procurements will be  
conducted in accordance with certain  
implementing procedures. These  
procedures relate to—

- Publication of notices of proposed purchases;
- The content and availability of solicitations for proposed purchases;
- Notification to each unsuccessful offeror;
- Feedback, upon request, to unsuccessful offerors concerning the reasons they were not allowed to participate in a procurement or were not awarded a contract; and
- Provision for the hearing and review of complaints arising in connection with any phase of the procurement process to ensure that, to the extent possible, complaints are equitably and expeditiously resolved.

Based on the Agreement, each country  
affords the other country certain  
benefits on a reciprocal basis consistent  
with national laws and regulations. The  
benefits that the United States accords  
to the products of qualifying countries  
include—

- Offers of qualifying country end products are evaluated without applying the price differentials otherwise required by the Buy American statute and the Balance of Payments Program;
- The chemical warfare protection clothing restrictions in 10 U.S.C. 2533a and the specialty metals restriction in 10 U.S.C. 2533b do not apply to products manufactured in a qualifying country; and
- Customs, taxes, and duties are waived for qualifying country end products and components of defense procurements.

If DoD (for the U.S. Government)  
concludes a new RDP Agreement with  
the Ministry of Defense of Austria and  
DoD executes a blanket public interest  
determination, as intended, Austria will  
be listed as one of the qualifying  
countries at DFARS 225.872-1(a),  
removing the purchase-by-purchase  
requirement at DFARS 225.872-1(b) and  
individual determination procedures at  
DFARS 225.872-4.While DoD is evaluating Austria's  
laws and regulations in this area, DoD  
would benefit from U.S. industry's  
experience in participating in Austrian  
public defense procurements. DoD is,  
therefore, asking U.S. firms that have  
participated or attempted to participate  
in procurements by or on behalf of  
Austria's Ministry of Defense or Armed  
Forces to let us know if the procurements were conducted withtransparency, integrity, fairness, and  
due process in accordance with  
published procedures, and if not, the  
nature of the problems encountered.DoD is also interested in comments  
relating to the degree of reciprocity that  
exists between the United States and  
Austria when it comes to the openness  
of defense procurements to offers of  
products from the other country.**Jennifer D. Johnson,***Editor/Publisher, Defense Acquisition  
Regulations System.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission****Combined Notice of Filings**Take notice that the Commission has  
received the following Natural Gas  
Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:**Filings Instituting Proceedings***Docket Numbers:* PR23-15-000.  
*Applicants:* Hope Gas, Inc.  
*Description:* § 284.123(g) Rate Filing:  
HGI—2022 PGA Filing to be effective  
12/1/2022.*Filed Date:* 12/5/22.  
*Accession Number:* 20221205-5041.  
*Comment Date:* 12/23/2022.  
*184.123(g) Protest:* 2/3/2023.*Docket Numbers:* RP23-251-000.  
*Applicants:* UGI Mt. Bethel Pipeline  
Company, LLC.*Description:* Annual Report of  
Operational Purchases and Sales of UGI  
Mt. Bethel Pipeline, LLC.  
*Filed Date:* 11/30/22.*Accession Number:* 20221130-5539.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 12/12/22.  
*Docket Numbers:* RP23-263-000.*Applicants:* NEXUS Gas  
Transmission, LLC.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing:  
Negotiated Rates—Enbridge Gas to DTE  
Energy 962849 eff 12-3-22 to be  
effective 12/3/2022.*Filed Date:* 12/2/22.  
*Accession Number:* 20221202-5099.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 12/14/22.  
*Docket Numbers:* RP23-264-000.*Applicants:* Midwestern Gas  
Transmission Company.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Update  
to Remove Non-Conforming Agreements  
to be effective 1/7/2023.*Filed Date:* 12/2/22.  
*Accession Number:* 20221202-5114.  
*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 12/14/22.*Docket Numbers:* RP23-265-000.  
*Applicants:* Rockies Express Pipeline  
LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2022–12–02 Negotiated Rate Agreement to be effective 12/3/2022.

*Filed Date:* 12/5/22.

*Accession Number:* 20221205–5000.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 12/19/22.

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.

#### Filings in Existing Proceedings

*Docket Numbers:* RP19–57–005.

*Applicants:* Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* Compliance filing: New York Delivery Surcharge Verplank Fire eff 1–1–23 to be effective 1/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 12/2/22.

*Accession Number:* 20221202–5118.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 12/14/22.

Any person desiring to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

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.

Dated: December 5, 2022.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP23–18–000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that November 21, 2022, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) filed a prior notice request for authorization, in accordance with 18

CFR 157.205 and 157.208 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations under the Natural Gas Act and Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83–76–000 to perform various modifications of the existing 18-inch and 20-inch Line D420 Pipeline in Ohio to enable the in-line inspection or pigging of Line D420. Specifically, Columbia proposes to: (1) install one new 24" × 20" bi-directional launcher/receiver station, valves, fitting, and pipe at Mod Point 1 in Sandusky County, Ohio; (2) install one new 24" × 20" bi-directional launcher/receiver at Mod Point 5 in Sandusky County, Ohio; (3) install one new 24" × 18" bi-directional launcher/receiver at Mod Point 6 in Lucas County, Ohio; (4) install, replace, and/or remove appurtenances, including valves, stopples, and pipe, at the remaining three (3) Mod Points within Sandusky and Ottawa Counties, Ohio. Columbia estimates that the cost of the project will be about \$13 million, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for 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 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions concerning this application should be directed to Allison Wells, Legal Counsel, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002–2700 at (832) 320–5376; or email at [allison\\_wells@tcenergy.com](mailto:allison_wells@tcenergy.com).

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,<sup>1</sup> within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental review 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 environmental assessment (EA) for this proposal. The filing of an 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.

#### Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests, motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 30, 2023. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

#### Protests

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,<sup>2</sup> any person<sup>3</sup> or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed or if a protest is filed and then withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, 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 for authorization will be considered by the Commission.

Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 157.205(e) of the Commission's regulations,<sup>4</sup> and must be submitted by the protest deadline, which is January 30, 2023. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 157.205.

<sup>3</sup> Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

<sup>4</sup> 18 CFR 157.205(e).

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 157.9.