

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[CP02-404-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 19, 2002.

Take notice that on July 11, 2002, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146, filed in Docket No. CP02-404-000 a request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216) for authorization to abandon by removal in its entirety its delivery point to Allegheny Power, d.b.a. Mountaineer Gas Company, located in Hancock County, West Virginia, under Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000, all as more fully set forth in the request. Copies of this request are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This request may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu and follow the instructions (please call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Columbia proposes to abandon by removal in its entirety its point of delivery to Allegheny Power, located in Hancock County, West Virginia. Columbia states that the point of delivery is no longer needed for a dwelling on this property because the dwelling is scheduled to be demolished.

Columbia indicates that the abandonment activities will consist of removing the station in its entirety and capping the tap. Columbia asserts that the minor costs associated with the abandonment will be expended.

Any questions regarding the prior notice request should be directed to Fredric J. George, Senior Attorney, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, P. O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25315-1273, at (304) 357-2359.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 day 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, 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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Comments, protests, and interventions 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Deputy Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER02-2032-000]

NRG New Jersey Energy Sales LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

July 19, 2002.

NRG New Jersey Energy Sales LLC (NRG) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which NRG will engage in the sale of wholesale energy, capacity and ancillary services at market-based rates and for the reassignment of transmission capacity. NRG also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, NRG requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by NRG.

On July 12, 2002, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates-East, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by NRG should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request to be heard in opposition within this period, NRG is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of NRG,

compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of NRG's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is August 12, 2002.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests, and interventions 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 at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Deputy Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER02-2080-000]

Ocean Peaking Power, L.P.; Notice of Issuance of Order

July 19, 2002.

Ocean Peaking Power, L.P. (OPP) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which OPP will engage in the sales of energy, capacity and certain ancillary services at market-based rates and for the reassignment of transmission capacity. OPP also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, OPP requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by OPP.

On July 12, 2002, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates-East, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by OPP should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214

of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request to be heard in opposition within this period, OPP is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of OPP, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of OPP's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is August 12, 2002.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments, protests, and interventions 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 at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-402-000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

July 19, 2002.

Take notice that on July 3, 2002, Tennessee Gas Pipelines Company (Tennessee), 9 East Greenway Plaza, Houston, Texas 77046, filed in Docket No. CP02-402-000, for permission and approval pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) to abandon certain pipeline and appurtenant facilities in the offshore Louisiana area, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are

available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu and follow the instructions (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

Specifically, Tennessee proposes to abandon a 200-foot segment of Line 527A-300 located in West Delta Block 61A (WD61A) at the point where the line connects with Mesa Petroleum Company's (Mesa) platform. Tennessee also proposes to abandon a meter designated as the WD61A receipt point. Tennessee states that the line and meter were installed in 1978 to gain access to gas supplies in West Delta Blocks 61 and 62. It is explained that production from the platform ceased as of May 20, 1998 and that Pioneer Resources, USA, Inc. (Pioneer), the successor to Mesa's interest in the WD61A platform, intends to abandon and remove the platform. Tennessee's application includes a copy of the letter from Pioneer dated April 9, 2002, informing Tennessee that the platform is being removed.

In addition, Tennessee requests a limited, one-time waiver of the Commission's capacity release regulations and the capacity release provisions in Tennessee's FERC Gas Tariff to allow the continuation of a replacement contract with a new receipt point made necessary by the proposed abandonment. It is explained that although Tennessee is no longer receiving gas supplies from the Block 61 platform, Tennessee still has an agreement with Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (COH) to provide gas under an FT agreement at the meter being abandoned, and that COH has released a portion of its firm capacity to Mirant Americas Energy Marketing, L.P. for a one-year term ending October 31, 2002.

Any questions regarding this amendment should be directed to Susan T. Halbach Senior Counsel, at (832) 676-5556.

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 August 9, 2002, 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 14 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.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file