

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9988-015]

Augusta Canal Authority; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing; Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Comments; and Soliciting Scoping Comments

March 13, 2008.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application*: New major License.

b. *Project No.*: 9988-015.

c. *Date filed*: May 31, 2007.

d. *Applicant*: Augusta Canal Authority.

e. *Name of Project*: King Mill Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location*: The King Mill Project is located on the Augusta Canal about 6 miles downstream of the Augusta Diversion Dam, adjacent to the Savannah River, Richmond County, Augusta, GA. The project does not affect federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contacts*: Mr. Dayton Sherrouse, Executive Director, Augusta Canal Authority, 1450 Green Street, Suite 400, Augusta, GA 30901; Telephone (706) 823-0440, Ext. 1.

i. *FERC Contact*: Sarah Florentino, Telephone (202) 502-6863, or e-mail sarah.florentino@ferc.gov. Additional information on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) hydroelectric projects is available on FERC's Web site: <http://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower.asp>.

j. *Deadline for Filing Comments, Protests, and Motions to Intervene*: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. 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. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. Please include the project number (P-9988-015) on any comments or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission

to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Project*: The existing King Mill Hydroelectric Project consists of: (1) Intake works consisting of a 50-foot-long, 15-foot-high headgate and intake structure; (2) primary and secondary steel trash racks; (3) a 200-foot-long, 40-foot-wide, concrete-lined, open flume head race; (4) a 435-foot-long, 30-foot-wide brick and masonry powerhouse; (5) two vertical shaft turbine/generator units with an installed capacity of 2.25 megawatts; (6) a 435-foot-long, 30-foot-wide, concrete-lined, open tailrace section which returns flows to the Augusta Canal, and (7) appurtenant facilities. There is no dam or impoundment, as approximately 881 cfs of water is withdrawn from the Augusta Canal when operating at full capacity. Developed head is approximately 32 feet. The estimated generation is 14,366 MWh annually. Nearly all generated power is utilized by the Standard Textile Plant, located within the King Mill building, for textile production. No new facilities or changes in project operation are proposed.

l. *Scoping Process*: The Commission staff intends to prepare a single Environmental Assessment (EA) for the King Mill Hydroelectric Project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Commission staff does not propose to conduct any on-site scoping meetings at this time. Instead, we are soliciting comments, recommendations, and information, on the Scoping Document (SD) issued on March 13, 2008.

m. *Locations of Applications*: A copy of the application and scoping document is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also

available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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

o. *Competing Development Application*: Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30 and 4.36.

p. *Notice of Intent*: A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

q. *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, 385.211, 385.214. 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.

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 "e-filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing.

r. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*: Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", "COMPETING APPLICATION" OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of

the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

s. *Agency Comments:* Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP08-85-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

March 13, 2008.

Take notice that on February 29, 2008, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, SE., Charleston, West Virginia 25314, filed an application in Docket No. CP08-85-000, pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to construct and operate facilities located in Lincoln County, West Virginia. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

In the Appalachian Basin On-System Expansion Project, Columbia is seeking authorization to construct a new 9,470-horsepower compressor station and appurtenances. When completed, the facilities will allow Columbia to provide

up to 100,000 Dth per day of additional firm transportation service, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Any questions regarding this Application should be directed to Fredric J. George, Lead Counsel, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273 at (304) 357-2359 or by fax at (304) 357-3206.

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.

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 the below listed comment date, 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.

Motions to intervene, protests and comments 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. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Comment Date: April 3, 2008.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP08-88-000]

Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

March 13, 2008

Take notice that on March 7, 2008, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern), Post Office Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP08-88-000, an application pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208, and 157.212 of the Commission's