

- Label one copy of your comments for the attention of DG2E, Gas Branch 1, (PJ-11.1, Room 62-49); and

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 10, 2003. This is also the deadline for receipt of comments from the March 14, 2003 notice.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. Therefore, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Prepare your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper and save it to a file on your hard drive. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. This filing is considered a "Comment on Filing."

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Mailing List Retention Form included in appendix 3. Anyone who returned a similar form in response to the March 14, 2003 notice, does not need to return the form again. If you did not return the form in response to either this notice or the March 14, 2003 notice, you will be taken off the mailing list.

The transcripts from CPG's open house meetings are available for public review in the PF-docket. Because the Commission received only a few written comments on the project in response to the March 14 notice, the Commission staff will not hold additional public scoping meetings at this time. However, we will conduct public meetings in the project area to receive comments on the draft EIS after it is issued.

Becoming an Intervenor

Also discussed in the March 14, 2003 notice is the Commission's intervention process. As an "intervenor" you can play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the

Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214; see appendix 2).⁷ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding that would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Availability of Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208 FERC (3372) or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). Using the "FERRIS" link, select "General Search" from the FERRIS menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" (i.e., PF03-1-000 and CP03-302-000), and follow the instructions. Searches may also be done using the phrase "Cheyenne Plains" in the "Text Search" field. For assistance with access to FERRIS, the helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The FERRIS link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription that allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. To register for this service, go to <http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm>.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Laurel Storage Field Pipeline Abandonment and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

June 10, 2003.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Laurel Storage Field Pipeline Abandonment proposed by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) in Hocking County, Ohio.¹ Columbia proposes to abandon in place approximately 1.3 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline that is no longer in use. The one storage well that was connected to the pipe segment proposed for abandonment was connected to a short crossover line built in 2002 pursuant to Columbia's Blanket Certificate. This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Columbia wants to abandon certain facilities in Hocking County, Ohio. Columbia seeks authority to abandon:

- Approximately 1.3 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline, in place;
- Remove three service tap risers from previously relocated residential taps;
- Remove the road casing and carrier pipe segment under State Route 374; and
- Cut and cap each end of the abandoned pipe segment.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

¹ Columbia's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than appendix 1 (maps), are available on the Commission's Web site at the "FERRIS" link or from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to FERRIS refer to the last page of this notice. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

⁷ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.