

4. Arizona Public Service Company

[Docket No. ER96-1619-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1996, Arizona Public Service Company (APS), tendered for filing an Amendment No. 1 (Amendment) to Service Schedule B (Schedule) of the Power Service Agreement between APS and Citizens Utilities Company (Citizens). The Amendment extends the term of the Schedule through December 31, 2004.

The parties request an effective date 60 days after filing.

Copies of this filing have been served upon Citizens and the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Comment date: May 13, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

5. New England Power Pool

[Docket No. ER96-1620-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1996, the New England Power Pool Executive Committee filed a signature page to the NEPOOL Agreement dated September 1, 1971, as amended, signed by Strategic Energy, Limited Partnership (Strategic Energy). The New England Power Pool Agreement, as amended, has been designated NEPOOL FPC No. 2.

The Executive Committee states that acceptance of the signature page would permit Strategic Energy to join the over 90 Participants already in the Pool. NEPOOL further states that the filed signature page does not change the NEPOOL Agreement in any manner, other than to make Strategic Energy a Participant in the Pool. NEPOOL requests an effective date on or before March 28, 1996, for commencement of participation in the Pool by Strategic Energy.

Comment date: May 13, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

6. Dennis R. Hendrix

[Docket No. ID-2958-000]

Take notice that on April 23, 1996, Dennis R. Hendrix (Applicant) tendered for filing a supplemental application under Section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act to hold the following positions:

Director: Texas Commerce Bank, National Association

Director: Tampa Electric Company

Comment date: May 13, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-127-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Lanham X-2 Storage Replacement Project and Request For Comments on Environmental Issues

April 29, 1996.

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 construction, abandonment, and operation of the facilities proposed in the Lanham X-2 Storage Replacement Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether to approve the project.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) proposes to construct and operate approximately 6.8 miles of storage pipelines consisting of 0.6 mile of 12-inch-diameter, 0.8 mile of 10-inch-diameter, 0.8 mile of 8-inch-diameter, 2.6 miles of 6-inch-diameter, and 2.0 miles of 4-inch-diameter pipelines. These facilities would replace approximately 7.5 miles of existing storage pipelines proposed for abandonment consisting of 0.4 mile of 12-inch-diameter, 1.0 mile of 10-inch-diameter, 0.5 mile of 8-inch-diameter, 2.3 miles of 6-inch-diameter, and 3.3 miles of 4-inch-diameter pipelines. All

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

of these facilities are within the Lanham X-2 Storage Field in Kanawha and Putnam Counties, West Virginia. Columbia proposes these actions to replace aged, deteriorated facilities.

The project would also involve the replacement of wellhead piping and measurement facilities at 20 existing wells, installation of an on-line pigging system on the 10-inch-diameter pipeline, and installation of fluid gathering facilities. Columbia would also construct four pig launchers and receivers, one gate valve setting, and three anode beds with associated rectifier poles and cables. In addition, storage well 7067 would be abandoned and storage well 7126 would be converted to an observation well.

The location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Approximately 43 percent of the replacement pipeline would be located in new rights-of-way. The remaining construction rights-of-way would partially or fully overlap Columbia's existing rights-of-way. Columbia intends to use a 75-foot-wide construction right-of-way for approximately 55 percent of the replacement pipeline. Columbia would use a 100-foot-wide construction right-of-way for the remaining 45 percent of the replacement pipeline for side hill cuts and topsoil conservation areas. Additional working spaces adjacent to the construction right-of-way (such as for stream crossings and staging areas) would be identified during the environmental analysis and approved before use.

Over, about 104d acres of land would be disturbed by construction and abandonment, including three new access roads, one pipeyard, and 45 staging areas. Columbia would also widen as many as 25 existing access roads to be used for the project. Full control of all areas where existing pipeline would be abandoned in-place (approximately 22 acres) and all disturbed areas outside of the new permanent rights-of-way (approximately 62 acres) would revert back to landowners after construction and restoration have been completed.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the Federal Register. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.

impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- geology and soils
- water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- vegetation and wildlife
- public safety
- land use
- endangered and threatened species
- cultural resources

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Columbia. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list. The list of issues may be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our analysis. Issues are:

- Eleven residences are near the construction rights-of-way.

- Waterbodies would be crossed at 19 locations by new and retirement construction. One of these, the Pocatlico River, has been designated as a high quality stream and is over 100 feet wide at two proposed wet ditch crossings.
- Construction and abandonment activity would disturb 23 wetlands.
- Cultural resources have been identified.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP96-127-000;
- Send a *copy* of your letter to: Ms. Elizabeth Secret, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 72-50, Washington, D.C. 20426; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before June 6, 1996.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Ms. Secret at the above address.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". 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 copies of its filings to all other parties. 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).

The date for filing of timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived.

Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Ms. Elizabeth Secret, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-0918.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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Puerto Rico Planning Board; EcoEléctrica, L.P.; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed EcoEléctrica LNG Import Terminal and Cogeneration Project in Guayanilla, Puerto Rico

April 29, 1996.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Puerto Rico Planning Board (PRPB) have prepared this joint final environmental impact statement/environmental impact statement (FEIS/EIS) on the natural gas facilities proposed by EcoEléctrica, L.P. (EcoEléctrica) in the above dockets.

The FEIS/EIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and Puerto Rico's law requiring an EIS under the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board Regulations (article 4(c) of Law No. 9). The FERC and PRPB staffs conclude that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigation measures including receipt of necessary permits and approvals, would have limited adverse environmental impact. The Joint EIS evaluates alternatives to the proposal.

The joint EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the proposed EcoEléctrica LNG Import Terminal and Cogeneration project, which includes the following facilities:

- A marine terminal for unloading liquefied natural gas (LNG) tankers, two 1,000,000-barrel LNG storage tanks, and an LNG vaporization system.
- A 461-megawatt ($\pm 10\%$) electric cogeneration facility that would use the vaporized LNG as a fuel source. The power plant facility would consist of two gas turbines fueled by natural gas and one steam generator. The gas turbines could also use propane (LPG) as a secondary fuel and low sulfur number 2 oil as an emergency fuel.
- A desalination facility that could generate up to 4,000,000 gallons of potable water per day. The multistage flash system would use the surplus heat from power production to produce