

reasonable provision will be made to accommodate the request in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Pantex Public Reading Rooms located at the Amarillo College Lynn Library and Learning Center, 2201 South Washington, Amarillo, TX phone (806) 371-5400. Hours of operation are from 7:45 am to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:45 am to 5:00 p.m. on Friday; 8:30 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday; and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, except for Federal holidays. Additionally, there is a Public Reading Room located at the Carson County Public Library, 401 Main Street, Panhandle, TX phone (806) 537-3742. Hours of operation are from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on Monday; 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Federal Holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing or calling Jerry S. Johnson at the address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on May 31, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-237-001]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

June 1, 2000.

Take notice that on May 26, 2000, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets with a proposed effective date of May 1, 2000:

Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 280
Substitute Seventh Revised Sheet No. 281
Substitute Fourth Revised Sheet No. 283

Columbia states that on March 31, 2000, it filed tariff sheets in Docket No. RP00-237 to revise its tariff to comply with the Commission's changes in its Order No. 637 to the right-of-first-refusal (ROFR) afforded certain firm shippers in

18 CFR 284.221(d)(2)(ii). In Order No. 637, the Commission revised the ROFR to limit its applicability. Columbia revised General Terms and Conditions (GTC) Section 4, which contains the procedures for the awarding the existing firm capacity and the exercise of the ROFR of Columbia, to reflect these changes. On April 26, 2000, the Commission accepted the filed tariff sheets to be effective May 1, 2000, subject to Columbia making certain revisions within 30 days. The instant filing is being made to comply with the April 26 Order.

Columbia states that copies of its filing and have been mailed to all firm customers, interruptible customers, and affected state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-21-005]

Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

June 1, 2000.

Take notice that on May 26, 2000, Dominion Transmission, Inc. (Dominion), formerly CNG Transmission Corporation, tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, tariff sheets with a proposed listed on Appendix A to the filing, with an effective date of July 1, 2000.

Dominion states that the purpose of this filing is to implement two new rate schedules, Rate Schedules Delivery Point Operator (DPO) and City Gate

Swing Customer (CSC). Rate Schedule DPO is designed primarily to allow operators of citygate interconnections with Dominion to offer no-notice service to marketers serving retail markets behind the citygate. Rate Schedule CSC, a companion service to Rate Schedule DPO, is designed for marketers behind the citygate where, under certain terms and conditions, such marketers can receive no-notice service from Dominion.

The Commission in its March 31, 2000 Order accepted Dominion's proposed Rate Schedule DPO and CSC with the exception of the Dominion's proposed hourly flow restrictions and certain penalty proposals. In that Order, the Commission ordered Dominion to refile revised tariff sheets consistent with the Commission's March 31, 2000 order.

Dominion states that the revised tariff sheets fully comply with the Order's requirements to remove the proposed hourly flow restrictions from Rate Schedules FT, IT and MCS and the other changes required by the Commission in the Order. Dominion also states that it has incorporated minor corrections and clarified tariff language in order to satisfy customers that have filed for rehearing of the March 31, 2000, order or otherwise commented on Dominion's April 17, 2000, compliance filing, including tariff changes that would give Dominion additional responsibility to enforce contract overrun provisions with its CSC customers. To that end, Dominion has requested a limited waiver of Section 154.203(b) of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 154.203(b).

Dominion indicated that it plans to file its motion to move these tariff sheets into effect on or before June 30, 2000, provided that these tariff sheets are accepted for filing by the Commission and are allowed to become effective as proposed.

Dominion states that copies of its filing have been served upon Dominion's customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protest must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public

inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-129-000; Docket No. CP00-132-000]

Horizon Pipeline Company, L.L.C. and Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Horizon Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

June 1, 2000.

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 Horizon Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Horizon Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Horizon) and Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) in Cook, DuPage, Kane, McHenry, and Will counties, Illinois.¹ These facilities would consist of approximately 71 miles of various diameter pipeline, a new compressor station, modification to an existing compressor station, meter stations, taps, and valves. 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.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a pipeline company representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The pipeline company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

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

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" was attached to the project notice the applicants provided to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet website (www.ferc.fed.us).

Summary of the Proposed Project

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Horizon does not currently own any pipeline facilities and is not engaged in any natural gas transportation operations. Upon approval of the subject applications, Horizon would become a new interstate pipeline company subject to Commission jurisdiction under the Natural Gas Act. Horizon proposes to provide 380 thousand dekatherms per day (Mdt/d) of gas transportation service to customers in northern Illinois. The Horizon Project would consist of 71 miles of pipeline from near Joliet, Illinois to near McHenry, Illinois. Approximately 29 miles would be new construction with the remaining 42 miles consisting of leased capacity along an existing Natural pipeline. Specifically, Horizon proposes to acquire, construct, and operate:

- 29 miles of new 36-inch-diameter pipeline in DuPage, Cook, Kane, and McHenry Counties, Illinois;
- Miscellaneous meter stations, taps, and valves along the new 36-inch-diameter pipeline;
- 380 Mdt/d of leased capacity along 42 miles of existing Natural pipeline in Will and DuPage Counties, Illinois; and
- 8,900 horsepower new compressor station adjacent to Natural's Compressor Station 113 in Will County, Illinois.

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Natural proposes to abandon 42 miles of leased capacity on its existing system to Horizon. The leased capacity would run from Natural's Gulf Coast mainline interconnect with Alliance Pipeline L.P. to an interconnect with the proposed Horizon pipeline. The capacity lease would require Natural to construct new facilities and to rearrange existing facilities. Specifically, Natural proposes to:

- Abandon by lease 380 Mdt/d of capacity to Horizon;
- Increase the total horsepower of its existing Compressor Station 113 by 3,690 horsepower;
- Modify the Streamwood Meter Station; and

- Construct taps at the interconnects with the new Horizon pipeline in DuPage and McHenry Counties, Illinois.

The locations of all proposed facilities are shown in appendix 1.

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would require about 424 acres of land. Following construction, approximately 139 acres would be maintained as new pipeline right-of-way and about 7 acres would be maintained as new aboveground facility sites. The remaining 278 acres of land would be restored and allowed to prevent to the former use.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that Commission to take into account the environmental 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;
- Endangered and threatened species;
- Land use;
- Cultural Resources;
- Air quality and noise; and
- Public safety.

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