

Act (NPA), 15 U.S.C. 717–717w and Title II, Section 311 and Sections 501 and 504 of the Natural Gas Policy Act (Pub. L. 95–621)

The information under FERC Form 592 applies only to those major natural gas pipelines involved in transactions with affiliated marketing or brokering companies. In Order No. 497, 53 FR 22161, June 14, 1988, the Commission addressed possible abuses in the relationship between interstate natural gas pipelines and their marketing or brokering entity. The rule established standards of conduct and reporting requirements intended to prevent preferential treatment of an affiliated marketer by an interstate pipeline in the provision of transportation services. In Order No. 637, 65 FR 10219, February 25, 2000, the Commission in response to growing competition in the natural gas marketplace and to further ensure that it could monitor transactions for the exercise of marketpower revised its reporting requirements. These provisions have improved the availability and usefulness of the information reported. Under these revisions, periodic reporting to the Commission was reduced and instead a

greater reliance was placed on Internet posting and information maintenance. Specifically with regard to interstate pipelines and their affiliates, respondents have to post the list of names of operating personnel and facilities shared by the interstate pipeline and its marketing affiliate plus organizational charts and job descriptions were also to be posted with specified information. Respondents also have to file with the Commission a set of procedures to show compliance with the Commission's standards of conduct; maintain books of accounts and records separate from those of its affiliate; contemporaneously inform all potential shippers of information provided to marketing affiliates about the transportation of natural gas; maintain a log of waivers that the pipeline grants with respect to tariff provisions that provide for discretionary waivers and make the log available within a 24-hour period from when a request is made; and contemporaneously provide to similarly situated non-affiliated shippers the same transportation discount that it made to an affiliated marketer.

The information maintained and provided by respondents is used by the Commission to monitor pipelines' transportation and sales activities for their marketing affiliates to deter undue discrimination by pipeline companies in favor of their marketing affiliates. These reporting requirements act to deter undue discrimination and preference, and permit the market to monitor and self-police affiliate transactions. The information is also used by nonaffiliated shippers or others (such as state commissions) to determine whether they have been harmed by affiliate preference and, in some cases, to prepare evidence for formal proceedings following the filing of a complaint. The Commission implements these filings requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR section 161.3 and section 250.16.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension without any changes to the Reporting requirements.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden (number of hours per response) (3)	Total annual burden (total number of hours) (1)×(2)×(3)
74	2	29.8*	4,409

* Rounded off.

Estimated cost to respondents: 4,409 hours ÷ 2,080 per year × \$117,041 = \$248,093. The cost per respondent = \$3,353. The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purpose of collection, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for

information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology,

e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP03–344–000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

September 3, 2003.

Take notice that Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), filed on July 30, 2003, an abbreviated application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, to abandon its storage injection/withdrawal Well 12028 and associated well line segment SR-W12028 consisting of 0.17 mile of 3-inch and 4-inch pipeline and to construct new injection Well 12422 and

appurtenances including 0.03 mile of 4-inch well line, all located in Columbia's Crawford Storage Field in Hocking County, Ohio, all as more fully set forth in its petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be also viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary (FERRIS) 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.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Fredric J. George, Esquire, Attorney for Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273, at (304) 357-2359, fax (304) 357-3206.

Columbia states that Well 12028 is experiencing the flooding of salt water into the storage zone reservoir and believes that the abandonment of the well and the construction of a replacement well, Well 12422, will protect the integrity of the reservoir, as well as allow Columbia to continue to meet the deliverability and turnover requirements of the Crawford Storage Field.

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 comment date, stated below, 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.

Protests, comments, 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.

Comment Date: September 24, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03-243-003]

Nicole Gas Production Ltd.; Notice of Compliance Filing

September 3, 2003.

Take notice that on August 26, 2003, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia Gas) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 410, with a proposed effective date of August 15, 2003.

Columbia Gas states that on July 14, 2003, it filed revised tariff sheets to clarify obligations with respect to the

construction and installation of meters and measuring stations and to clarify obligations with respect to the responsibility for payment of the cost of the construction and installation of those facilities. On August 11, 2003, the Commission accepted Columbia Gas' proposed revised tariff sheets subject to conditions (August 11 Order), Nicole Gas Production Ltd., 104 FERC ¶ 61,193 (2003). The Commission required that Columbia Gas make revisions to a tariff sheet within 15 days of the date of issuance of the August 11 Order. As directed by the Commission in the August 11 Order, Columbia Gas submitted the revised tariff sheet identified above. Columbia states that the revised tariff sheet reflects the changes required by the Commission in the August 11 Order.

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

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with § 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with § 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protest 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. 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 TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission Web site under the eLibrary (e-Filing) link.

Protest Date: September 8, 2003.

Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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