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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC.

Docket No. CP13-8-000
PF12-6-000

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Take notice that on October 22, 2012, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC. (Columbia) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act to construct, and operate approximately 21.1 miles of 26-inch diameter natural gas pipeline and appurtenant facilities designed to enhance the safety of its aging infrastructure and to increase service reliability to its customers. Columbia's proposal, known as the Line MB Extension Project, would be constructed parallel and adjacent to its existing Line MA for most of its length and is located in Baltimore and Hartford Counties, Maryland. The Line MB Extension project would provide Columbia operational flexibility and reduce the risk of service outages on a vulnerable part of its system that supplies service to large northeastern metropolitan markets. The total cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$131,942,000, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website web 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, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Michael Walker, Manager, FERC Certificates, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia, 25325-1273, by phone at 304-357-2443 or by email at mdwalker@nisource.com or to Alex Oehler, Director, Government Affairs & Community Relations, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 10 G Street, NE, Suite 400, Washington, DC, 20002, by phone at 202-216-9772, by fax at 202-216-9785 or by email at aoehler@nisource.com.

On January 24, 2012, the Commission staff granted Columbia's request to utilize the Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF12-6-000 to staff activities involved the Line MB Extension Project. Now as of the filing the October 22, 2012 application, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP13-8-000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

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 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 seven copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. 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 commentators 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 commentators will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentators 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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the “eFiling” link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and seven copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: 5:00 pm Eastern Time on November 23, 2012

Dated: November 1, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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