

that it would pay the estimated construction cost of \$146,640.

Columbia states that it would provide gas service to Oxford under Rate Schedules FTS and ITS of its FERC Gas Tariff. Columbia also states that the contracted natural gas volumes would be within certificated volumes.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA.

Lois D. Cashell,  
*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. RP96-149-000]

**Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Limited Waiver of Tariff Provision**

February 29, 1996.

Take notice that on February 26, 1996, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), pursuant to Rule 212 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.212) filed a petition for a limited waiver of Section 5 of its MS Rate Schedule to the extent necessary for Columbia's storage facilities to be treated as a point of sale for certain base gas to be retired by sale to Columbia's firm Storage Service (FSS) customers.

Columbia states that the prompt Commission action is justified given the time sensitive nature of the retirement proposal. Columbia states that the FSS customers' storage gas quantities have decline significantly as a result of recent cold weather. That decline has or will soon limit the customers' maximum daily withdrawal quantities (MDWQ) under applicable tariff provisions. The immediate availability of this base gas, which is already in storage, will allow the FSS customers to replenish their storage accounts without delay, thereby minimizing the deterioration of their FSS inventory.

Columbia states that it is proposing a retirement by sale of natural gas that is at least potentially subject to the regulations promulgated by Order Nos. 497 and 566. Columbia requests that its disposition of the base gas not be subject to Order Nos. 497 and 566 and their regulations.

Columbia requests that, to the extent deemed necessary by the Commission, Columbia be granted waiver by March 5, 1996 of Section 5 of its MS Rate Schedule in order to permit the immediate retirement by sale of the base gas out of storage as well as the separate waiver referenced covering Order Nos. 497 and 566.

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, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before March 7, 1996. 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 in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,  
*Secretary.*

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[Docket Nos. ER95-321-000 and ER96-195-000]

**Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.; Notice of Filing**

February 29, 1996.

Take notice that on February 16, 1996, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. ("Con Edison") tendered for filing an amendment to its filing regarding Con Edison Rate Schedule FERC No. 129, a facilities agreement with Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. ("O&R").

Con Edison states that a copy of this filing has been served by mail upon O&R.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Dockets Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 or 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and

Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before March 12, 1996. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP96-210-000]

**Koch Gateway Pipeline Co; Notice of Application**

February 29, 1996.

Take notice that on February 23, 1996, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway), P.O. Box 1478, Houston, Texas 77521-1478, filed in Docket No. CP96-210-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Section 157.18 of the Commission's Regulations for an order permitting and approving the abandonment in place and removal of its Sharon Compressor Station and associated facilities located in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should, on or before March 21, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or protest 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the

Commission or its designee on this application, if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedures herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Koch Gateway to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**[Project No. 1864]**

**Upper Peninsula Power Company; Notice Extending Time to File Scoping Comments**

February 29, 1996.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Document for relicensing the Bond Falls Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 1864, on December 5, 1995. This hydropower project is located on major branches of the Ontonagon River, a tributary of western Lake Superior, in Ontonagon and Gogebic counties of the upper peninsula of Michigan, and Vilas County in northern Wisconsin.

In response to a letter filed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and supported by other parties to be proceedings, FERC is extending the scoping comment period until March 16, 1996.

Anyone wishing to submit written scoping comments must do so no later than March 16, 1996. Comments should be addressed to: Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Reference should be clearly made to: Bond Falls Hydroelectric Project (Project No. 1864).

For further information, please contact Frankie Green at (202) 501-7704.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. RM95-3-000 and Docket No. RM95-4-000]**

**Filing and Reporting Requirements for Interstate Natural Gas Companies Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Revisions to Uniform System of Accounts Forms, Statements, and Reporting Requirements for Natural Gas Companies; Notice of Data Availability for Working Groups**

February 29, 1996.

Take notice that data is available on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) bulletin board system (BBS) for review by the Working Group—Forms and Working Group—Filings. The following information is now available on the Gas Pipeline Data (GPD) portion of the BBS:

- The meeting summaries for the working group meetings held on February 7 and 8, 1996, and
- The draft specifications for filing the Form No. 11 both on paper and electronically, incorporating the changes discussed at the working Group—Forms meeting held February 7.

In addition to the above, the Commission has enabled the upload feature of its bulletin board system for use by the working group participants and other interested persons. Any files uploaded to the Commission's bulletin board are not considered filed with the Commission. These files are solely for review by the working group and other interested parties to help in the development of formats for electronic filing requirements specified in Order Nos. 581 and 582.

The Commission invites written comments on the draft specifications for filing Form No. 11. Such comments may be uploaded to the Commission's BBS or addressed to Richard A. White, Office of General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, D.C. 20426. Comments should be received by March 5, 1996. We encourage commenters to submit their written comments also on a 3½" diskette in Rich Text Format or ASCII so they can be posted on the Commission's bulletin board. It is preferable for comments uploaded to the Commission's BBS to be in ASCII format so files may be viewed on-line and easily converted to other software formats.

The upload option, available under the Order No. 581/582 Working Group Menu, is designed to permit members of the public to upload a file to the Commission's bulletin board. To do so, select upload from the Working Group menu. You will be prompted for the File Mask. Enter the Drive, directory, if

applicable, and the filename. If more than one file is to be uploaded, enter the file mask using wildcard characters for the unique portion of the filename. For example:

File Mask? C:/FERC/Form—11.txt

or

File Mask? C:/\*tst.wk1 to represent Altst.wk1 B1tst.wk1, etc.

You will be prompted to enter a file description. A file description must accompany every file. The basic file description can be no more than 70 characters. You may, if you wish, enter a more detailed description. After typing the detailed description, select send to associate it with your file. Other menu features are explained under the Help option.

The system will not allow you to upload a file with the same name as a file already on the bulletin board. It is preferable to incorporate your company initials or some other unique identifier in the file name to distinguish your files from others files.

While the upload featured is in its testing phase, files uploaded to the Commission's bulletin board will not be immediately available for download. The party uploading the file may, however, check the file list to ensure the file uploaded properly.

This document is available for your inspection or copying by accessing the Commission Issuance Posting System (CIPS). CIPS and GPD are part of the Commission's electronic bulletin board service providing access to documents issued by or available electronically from the Commission. CIPS and GPD are available at no charge to the user and may be accessed using a personal computer with a modem by dialing (202) 208-1397, if local, or 1-800 856-3920, if long distance.

In addition to this notice, the most current list of those that signed up for participation in the working groups will, also, be posted on CIPS. Information concerning working group meetings will be posted on CIPS on a regular basis. Up-to-date information can be found in bulletin 20 on CIPS or bulletin 9 on GPD.

To access the Commission's bulletin board system, set your communications software to 19200, 14400, 12000, 9600, 7200, 4800, 2400, 1200, or 300 bps, full duplex, no parity, 8 data bits, and 1 stop bit. The full text of this document will be available on CIPS for 60 days from the date of issuance in ASCII and WordPerfect 5.1 format.