

resource reserves, production, demand, and technology, and related economic and statistical information relevant to the adequacy of energy resources to meet demands in the near and longer term future for the Nation's economic and social needs.

The Energy Information Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden (required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13)), conducts a presurvey consultation program to provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing reporting forms. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden is minimized, reporting forms are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Also, EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collections under Section 3507(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13, Title 44, U.S.C. Chapter 35).

The Form EIA-767, "Steam-Electric Plant Operation and Design Report," remains an annual form that collects data on the operation and design of steam-electric plants. The form collects data required by the following sponsors: the DOE Office of Fossil Energy (FE), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The data collected on the Form EIA-767 are used to:

- Develop, assess, reform, and enforce the regulations required by the Clean Air Act, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
- Appraise the environmental impacts of electric energy plans and projections and the impact of environmental regulations on the generation of electric power
- Determine emission trends and appraisals
- Evaluate the inventory of pollution control technology and generation technologies
- Determine the expenditures of pollution abatement and control expenditures on operating costs and revenue.

EIA is responsible for collecting and processing the data. Within EIA, the data are used to develop a comprehensive electric power data base that supports EIA models and publications. Other data users include Congress, Federal, and State agencies.

## II. Current Actions

The Energy Information Administration requests a 3-year extension with no change to the existing collection of the Form EIA-767, "Steam-Electric Plant Operation and Design Report."

## III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of responses.

### General Issues

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency? Does the information have practical utility? Practical utility is defined as the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can EIA make to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

### As a Potential Respondent

A. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions require clarification?

B. Can data be submitted by the due date?

C. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 84 hours per response. Burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide the information.

Please comment on (1) the accuracy of our estimate and (2) how the agency could minimize the burden of the collection of information, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

D. EIA estimates that respondents will incur no additional costs for reporting other than the hours required to complete the collection. What is the estimated: (1) total dollar amount annualized for capital and start-up costs, and (2) recurring annual costs of operation and maintenance, and purchase of services associated with this data collection?

E. Do you know of any other Federal, State, or local agency that collects similar data? If you do, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

### As a Potential User

A. Can you use data at the levels of detail indicated on the form?

B. For what purpose would you use the data? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources of data and do you use them? If so, what are their deficiencies and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

**Statutory Authority:** Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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**Jay H. Casselberry,**

*Agency Clearance Officer, Office of Statistical Standards, Energy Information Administration.*

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## Office of Energy Research

### Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is given of a meeting of the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (FESAC).

**DATES:** Thursday, April 17, 1997, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, April 18, 1997, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** U.S. Department of Energy, Auditorium, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Albert L. Opdenaker, III, Executive Assistant, Office of Fusion Energy Sciences, U.S. Department of Energy, Germantown, MD 20874, Telephone: 301-903-4941.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee has been charged to review the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) Detailed Design Report which includes cost and schedule estimates, in order to provide its view of the adequacy of the design to meet ITER's technical objectives. This information will be used as part of the basis for a United States Government decision on whether or not to enter negotiations on the terms and conditions for an agreement for the construction, operation, exploitation, and decommissioning of ITER. The Committee has been asked to provide its view to the Department of Energy by May 1, 1997.

**Tentative Agenda:***Thursday, April 17, 1997*

9:00 a.m.—Review of Subpanel Reports

5:00 p.m.—Public Comments

6:00 p.m.—Adjourn

*Friday, April 18, 1997*

9:00 a.m.—Executive Summary

11:00 a.m.—Preparation of FESAC Report

1:00 p.m.—Presentation of Results to Dr. Martha Krebs

4:00 p.m.—Adjourn

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Albert L. Opdenaker at 301-903-8584 (fax) or albert.opdenaker@mailgw.er.doe.gov (e-mail). Requests to make oral statements must be received 5 days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statement in the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC on March 20, 1997

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer*

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**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. RP97-290-000]****Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

March 19, 1997.

Take notice that on March 14, 1997, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, to be effective April 14, 1997.

CIG states on November 1, 1996 it filed in Docket No. RP97-63-000 pro forma tariff sheets to comply with Order

No. 587. As part of CIG's filing it proposed a new Headstation Pooling Rate Schedule (HPS-1). CIG further states in the Commission's order on CIG's compliance filing issued January 16, 1997, the Commission stated that the GISB standards "intended the pipeline to implement a new pooling service but in order to implement a new service the pipeline must make a section 4 filing" (that is a filing pursuant to Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act). CIG states this is the purpose of this filing.

CIG states that copies of this filing have been served on CIG's jurisdictional customers and public bodies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.214 and Section 385.211 of the Commission's Regulations. All such motions or 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 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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. CP97-284-000]****Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

March 19, 1997.

Take notice that on March 11, 1997, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E., Charleston, West Virginia 25314, filed in Docket No. CP97-284-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate additional points of delivery for firm transportation service to existing customers, under Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia proposes to construct and operate the facilities needed to establish thirteen additional delivery points. The customers and counties involved are: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (CKY) (Martin and Clark Counties, Kentucky); Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (COH) (Ottawa, Medina and Carroll Counties, Ohio); Mountaineer Gas Company (MGC) (Boone, Marshall, Barbour, Gilmer, Wayne, Wyoming and Tucker Counties, West Virginia), and The Waterville Gas Company (WGC) (Wood County, Ohio).

Each new delivery point's interconnecting facility will vary according to area conditions; but, in most cases, the following will be installed: a 4-inch by 1-inch tap saddle (depending on pipeline size), a 1-inch valve, nipple, and less than 20 feet of pipe on Columbia's existing right-of-way. CKY, COH, MGC and WGC will set the meter and regulator for each location. The estimated natural gas quantities are: 10,851 Dth/day and 4,398,250 Dth/annual for CKY; 4.5 Dth/day and 450 Dth/annual for COH; 13.5 Dth/day and 1,650 Dth/annual for MGC, and 1.8 Dth/day and 200 Dth/annual for WGC.

Columbia states that the new delivery points are not prohibited by its existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to other customers. The proposed delivery points will not have an effect on Columbia's peak day and annual deliveries and the total volumes delivered will not exceed total volumes authorized prior to this request.

Columbia estimates the new tap installation costs to be approximately \$150 each and will be treated as an O&M expense, except for the Martin County, Kentucky project which is an existing tap and will require no additional cost.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, 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