

test items for the proposed Voluntary National Test (VNT) in 8th grade mathematics. This portion of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

There will be open meetings of the Reporting and Dissemination Committee and the Design and Methodology Committee from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Agenda items for the Reporting and Dissemination Committee include the schedule for the release of future NAEP reports; reporting NAEP 2000 mathematics assessment, samples with and without accommodations; private school reporting plans for NAEP 2002 assessments in reading and writing; and an update on reporting NAEP long-term trend data in writing, internet and printed reports.

The Design and Methodology committee will meet in open session to receive an update on the voluntary national test, and to review a progress report on the market basket study.

The full Board will reconvene in closed session from 12:30–1:30 p.m. to hear the 1999 NAEP Long-Term Trend Report. During this meeting, Dr. Peggy Carr, Associate Commissioner of NCES, will make a presentation to the full Board. The session may discuss specific items from the 1999 Long Term Trend Assessment in Math, Science and Reading. If the meeting was held in open session, the disclosure of such information might significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

From 1:30–4:00 p.m. the board will meet in open session. Agenda items for this portion of the meeting include a panel discussion on mathematics assessment issues, receiving conclusions and recommendations on Achievement Levels and the Follow-up Report to Congress and hear an update on a study regarding the impact of incentives and rewards on NAEP.

On Saturday, August 5, the Board will hear an update on NAEP/NAGB Reauthorization and conclude with the presentation of committee reports and Board actions.

A summary of the activities of the closed, partially closed sessions, and other related matters which are informative to the public and consistent

with the policy of the section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days after the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00–405–000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 19, 2000.

Take notice that on July 17, 2000, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030–0146, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP00–405–000, pursuant to Section 157.205, 157.211 and/or 157.216(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to replace 10.1 miles of 20-inch pipeline in three segments of its Line KA located in Mingo County, West Virginia authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83–76–000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202/208–2222 for assistance).

Columbia proposes to replace 10.1 miles of its 20-inch pipeline due to the age and condition of the pipe. The pipeline would be replaced with an approximate like amount and a like size pipeline. Columbia states, that approximately 3.7 miles of the pipeline would be replaced on existing right-of-way and would involve a typical lift and lay procedure. The remaining 6.4 miles would be replaced using a new right-of-way. Columbia states the new right-of-way is required to move the pipeline from its existing location along a creek bank to the ridge top. The pipeline being replaced through the lift and lay procedure would be abandoned by removal, and the remainder of the pipe would be abandoned in place.

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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96–389–007]

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate Filing

July 19, 2000.

Take notice that on July 14, 2000, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf) tendered for filing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission the following contract for disclosure of a recently negotiated rate transaction:

FTS–1 Service Agreement No. 68854 between Columbia Gulf Transmission Company and Virginia Power Energy Marketing, Inc., dated June 30, 2000

Columbia Gulf states that transportation service is scheduled to commence November 1, 2000.

Columbia Gulf states that copies of the filing have been served on all parties on the official service list created by the Secretary in this proceeding.

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. RP00-389-000]

Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership; Notice of Tariff Filing

July 19, 2000.

Take notice that on July 14, 2000, Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership (Cove Point) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, with a proposed to be effective June 14, 2000.

Cove Point state that the purpose of the instant filing is to replace Cove Point's existing tariff due to changes made necessary by the purchase of the Cove Point limited partnership by two subsidiaries of The Williams Companies on June 14, 2000. Williams Cove Point LNG Company, L.L.C. purchased the 99% limited partnership interest in Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership from Columbia LNG Corporation and Columbia Atlantic Trading Corporation, and Williams Gas Project Company, L.L.C. purchased the 1% general partnership interest in Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership from CLNG Corporation.

Specifically, Second Revised Volume No. 1 of Cove Point's tariff is being filed to (1) correct the title page to include corrected information regarding the person to whom communication concerning the tariff should be sent, (2) change the tariff sheets to reflect the name of the new issuing officer, (3) modify the section related to marketing affiliates to reflect the change of ownership and (4) correct certain typographical errors.

Cove Point states that it is serving copies of the instant filing to the affected customers, State Commissions and other interested parties.

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, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections

385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with 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. 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Davis P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-402-000]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Application

July 18, 2000.

Take notice that on July 11, 2000, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans), 100 Allegheny Center Mall, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212, filed in Docket No. CP00-402-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for permission and approval to abandon by sale to Noumenon Corporation (Noumenon), certain natural gas gathering pipeline and appurtenant facilities comprising its Daybrook gathering system which is located in Monongalia County, West Virginia, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Equitrans states that the facilities proposed for abandonment consists of approximately 53,273 feet of pipeline of various lengths and diameters, miscellaneous appurtenant facilities including valves, taps, regulators, meters and applicable rights-of-way and property interests related thereto.

The abandonment, it is said, would reduce the overall costs of Equitrans' gathering operations, minimize the amount of stranded costs required to maintain unbundled gathering rates, and permit Equitrans to provide a more economical operation of its authorized

services by reducing its rate base and eliminating operation and maintenance costs.

Equitrans indicates that the facilities, after the sale, would continue to be distribution facilities exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction under Section 1(b) of the NGA.

Any person desiring to be heard or any person desiring to make any protests with reference to said application should on or before August 8, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a 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 the 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 time filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

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

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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