

### When and Where Will the Meeting Take Place?

We will hold the public meeting on September 15, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 5:00 p.m. in Salon A at Washington Marriott, 1221 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037. You may call the hotel at 202-872-1500 to inquire about room accommodations.

### What Assistance Will Be Provided to Individuals With Disabilities?

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting, e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format, notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

### Who Is the Contact Person for the Meeting?

Please contact Ms. Melissa Lewis, the Executive Director for the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation, if you have questions about the meeting. You may contact her at the U.S. Department of Education, Room 7127, MS 7563, 1990 K St., NW., Washington, DC 20006, telephone: (202) 219-7009, fax: (202) 219-7008, e-mail: [Melissa.Lewis@ed.gov](mailto:Melissa.Lewis@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

### What Are the Functions of the Committee?

The Committee was established by the Secretary of Education under Section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

The Committee's responsibilities are to:

- On request of a foreign country, evaluate the standards of accreditation applied to medical schools in that country; and
- Determine the comparability of those standards to standards for accreditation applied to United States medical schools. Comparability of the applicable accreditation standards is an eligibility requirement for foreign medical schools to participate in the Federal Family Education Loan program, 20 U.S.C. 1071 *et seq.*

### What Items Will Be on the Agenda for Discussion at the Meeting?

The Committee will review the standards of accreditation applied to medical schools by several foreign countries to determine whether those standards are comparable to the standards of accreditation applied to medical schools in the United States. Discussions of the standards of accreditation will be held in sessions open to the public. Discussions resulting in specific determinations of comparability are closed to the public in order that each country may be properly notified of the decision. The countries tentatively scheduled to be discussed at the meeting include: Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Israel, The Netherlands, and Taiwan. Beginning August 22, 2008, you may call the contact person listed above to obtain the final listing of the countries whose standards will be discussed during this meeting. The listing of countries will also be posted on the Department of Education's Web site at the following address: <http://www.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/ncfmea.html>.

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Dated: August 8, 2008.

**Cheryl A. Oldham,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy

#### Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

This notice announces a meeting of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, September 4, 2008, 3 to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** TMS, Inc., 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW., Suite 1500, Washington, DC 20024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edith Allison, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Washington, DC 20585. Phone: 202-586-1023.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee is to provide advice on potential applications of methane hydrate to the Secretary of Energy, and assist in developing recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy Methane Hydrate Research and Development Program.

#### *Tentative Agenda:*

- Discussion of information, including fact sheet and PowerPoint presentation, to be provided to the 2008-2009 Executive Branch Transition teams.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The Chairman of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Edith Allison at the address or telephone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, Room 1G-033, 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 August 7, 2008.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee, Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP07-367-002; CP08-19-001]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

August 6, 2008.

Take notice that on July 25, 2008, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, SE., Charleston, West Virginia 25314, filed, under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, an application to amend its certificate authorized in Docket Nos. CP07-367-000, CP07-367-001, and CP08-19-000. These filings are 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 numbers 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](mailto: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, Lead Counsel, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273 at (304) 357-2359 or by fax at (304) 357-3206.

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 below listed comment date, 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.

Motions to intervene, protests and comments 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:* August 27, 2008.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1494-349]

#### Grand River Dam Authority; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

August 7, 2008.

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters.

b. *Project No:* 1494-349.

c. *Date Filed:* July 18, 2008.

d. *Applicant:* Grand River Dam Authority.

e. *Name of Project:* Pensacola Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Grand (Neosho) River in Craig, Delaware, Mayes, and Ottawa Counties, Oklahoma. The project does not occupy federal or tribal lands. The proposed non-project use would be located along the west shore of Isle's End Cove, an inlet to Monkey Island, near Afton, Oklahoma.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Ms. Tamara Jahnke, Grand River Dam Authority, P.O. Box 409, Vinita, OK 74301, (918) 256-5545.

i. *FERC Contact:* Lorraine Yates at 770-452-3784, or by e-mail: [lorance.yates@ferc.gov](mailto:lorance.yates@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* September 8, 2008.

k. *Description of Application:* The licensee requests Commission approval to grant St. Andrew's Harbor permission to modify its existing docking facilities to include a new dock with eight boat slips and 21 personal water craft (PWC) slips, and one additional boat slip at an existing dock. If approved, St. Andrew's Harbor would have a total of seven