

plan. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: December 12, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL18-47-000]

#### Alabama Municipal Electric Authority; Notice of Petition for Partial Waiver

Take notice that on December 11, 2017, pursuant to section 292.402 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules and Regulations,<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 292.402(2017), Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (AMEA), on behalf of itself and its participating member municipal cities (Participating Members), request a partial waiver of certain obligations imposed on AMEA and its Participating Members, through the Commission's regulations<sup>2</sup> implementing section 210 of the Public Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended, all as more fully explained in its petition.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). 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 notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion

to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of 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 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the website that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on January 2, 2018.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18-22-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on December 1, 2017, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia Gas), 700 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP18-22-000 a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208, and 157.216 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to replace two segments of its existing 10-inch-diameter bare steel natural gas pipeline Line O-731, totaling 7.64 miles, and to perform other related appurtenant activities, all located in Coshocton and Muskingum Counties, Ohio. Columbia Gas proposes to construct these facilities under authorities granted by its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the 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, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Linda Farquhar, Manager, Project Determinations and Regulatory Administration, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700, Houston, Texas 77002, at (832) 320-56855 or by email at [linda\\_farquhar@transcanada.com](mailto:linda_farquhar@transcanada.com).

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.

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 commenter 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

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 292.402.

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 292.303(a) and 292.303(b).

should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: December 11, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12966-004]

#### Utah Board of Water Resources; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Major Unconstructed Project.
- b. *Project No.:* 12966-004.
- c. *Date Filed:* May 2, 2016.
- d. *Applicant:* Utah Board of Water Resources.
- e. *Name of Project:* Lake Powell Pipeline Project.
- f. *Location:* The proposed project would be located in Washington and Kane counties, Utah, and in Coconino and Mohave counties, Arizona. The project would occupy 449 acres of federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Applicant Contact: Joel Williams, Project Manager, Utah Division of Water Resources; Telephone (801) 538-7249 or [joelwilliams@utah.gov](mailto:joelwilliams@utah.gov).
- i. *FERC Contact:* Jim Fargo, (202) 502-6095 or [james.fargo@ferc.gov](mailto:james.fargo@ferc.gov).
- j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eComment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-12966-004.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. The proposed 140-mile-long Lake Powell Pipeline Project would convey water from the Bureau of Reclamation's Lake Powell through a buried 69-inch diameter pipeline up to a high point within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, after which it would flow for about 87.5 miles through a series of hydroelectric turbines, ending at Sand Hollow reservoir, near St. George, Utah.

The proposed hydro facilities subject to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's jurisdiction under Part I of the Federal Power Act include: (1) An inline single-unit, 1-megawatt (MW) facility at Hydro Station 1 in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument; (2) an inline single-unit, 1.7-MW facility at Hydro Station 2 east of Colorado City, Arizona; (3) an inline single-unit, 1-MW facility in Hildale City, Utah; (4) an inline single-unit, 1.7-MW facility above the Hurricane Cliffs forebay reservoir; (5) a 2-unit, 300-MW (150-MW each unit) hydroelectric pumped storage development at Hurricane Cliffs, with the forebay and afterbay sized to provide ten hours of continuous 300-MW output; (6) a single-unit, 35-MW conventional energy recovery generation unit built within the Hurricane Cliffs development; (7) a single-unit, 5-MW facility at the existing Sand Hollow Reservoir and (8) related transmission lines.

In its application, the applicant proposes to define the FERC-licensed hydro system to include not only the power-generating facilities noted above, but also approximately 89 miles of water delivery pipelines that connect these facilities. The Commission has not yet determined whether these water delivery pipelines will be included as part of the licensed hydro facilities. If the Commission licenses only the power generating facilities and excludes the intervening pipelines, federal land-managing agencies will be responsible for issuing rights-of-way permits for those parts of the pipelines that are located on federal lands. If the Commission determines that it should also license the intervening pipelines, federal land-managing agencies may also be permitted to file conditions under section 4(e) of the Federal Power Act for the protection and utilization of any federal reservations that the pipelines will occupy, depending on which pipeline route is selected.

In particular, the applicant proposes to use the south alternative route for the pipeline, which does not cross the Kaibab Reservation. In Scoping Document 2, Commission staff stated that the environmental impact statement for the Lake Powell Pipeline Project will include an alternative pipeline route across the Kaibab Reservation. Depending on the scope of the FERC-licensed hydro system, this alternative may or may not be subject to section 4(e) of the Federal Power Act. To cover both possibilities, Interior should provide preliminary section 4(e) conditions for the Kaibab Reservation alternative, and should also provide any proposed rights-of-way conditions for that route if those conditions would differ from the section 4(e) conditions, in the event that the Commission determines not to include the pipelines as part of the licensed Hydro System. The applicant included unsigned rights-of-way permit applications to the BLM, Bureau of Reclamation, and National Park Service in its final license application.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the BLM, Arizona Strip Field Office, St. George, Utah, intends to consider amending a portion of the Arizona Strip Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP) to allow development of the Lake Powell Pipeline within the Kanab Creek Area of Critical Environmental Concern. The EIS will analyze both the proposed Lake Powell Pipeline Project and the proposed RMP amendment. The BLM