accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 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 in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than 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 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible online 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 Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov*, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Philis J. Posey,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP07-103-000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

March 23, 2007.

Take notice that on March 14, 2007, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), Post Office Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, filed in Docket No. CP07–103–000, a prior notice request

pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208, and 157.210 of the Federal Energy **Regulatory Commission's regulations** under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to construct and operate approximately eleven miles of pipeline looping facilities, located in Colorado and Oklahoma, to increase natural gas transportation capacity out of the Raton Basin area, 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, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

Specifically, CIG proposes in the Raton Basin 2007 Expansion Project to construct two, non-contiguous looped pipeline segments adjacent to existing CIG mainlines; one segment of approximately 4.48 miles of 20-inch diameter pipeline, located in Las Animas County, Colorado, and one segment of approximately 6.46 miles of 24-inch diameter pipeline, located in Texas County, Oklahoma. CIG estimates the cost of construction to be \$11,895,500. CIG states that it has executed Firm Transportation Agreements with three shippers for an additional 29 MMcf/d of firm transportation service for terms of ten years.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Richard Derryberry, Director, Regulatory Affairs, Colorado Interstate Gas Company, Post Office Box 1087, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80944, or call at (719) 520–3782.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 60 days after the 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 Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NĞA) (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for 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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (*http:// www.ferc.gov*) under the "e-Filing" link.

Philis J. Posey,

Acting Secretary. [FR Doc. E7–5756 Filed 3–28–07; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6717–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP07-104-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

March 23, 2007.

Take notice that on March 16, 2007, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, SE., Charleston, West Virginia 25314, filed in Docket No. CP07-104-000, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to increase the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) on its Line O-1591 and a portion of its Line O-400, located in Licking and Muskingum Counties, Ohio, 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, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

Specifically, Columbia proposes to increase the MAOP on Line O-1591, consisting of approximately of 12-inch diameter pipeline, located in Muskingum County, Ohio, and a portion of Line O-400, consisting of approximately 38.55 miles of 16- and 12-inch diameter pipeline, located in Licking and Muskingum Counties, Ohio, from the current 200 psig to a new MAOP of 500 psig and to operate Line O-1591 and that portion of Line O-400 at the higher pressure. Columbia states that the increase of the MAOP will improve the operating efficiency of the pipeline. Columbia asserts that it does not propose any change in service to its

existing customers as a result of the proposed uprate.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Fredric J. George, Lead Counsel, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325–1273, or call at (304) 357–2359.

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 60 days after the 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 Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for 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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (*http:// www.ferc.gov*) under the "e-Filing" link.

Philis J. Posey,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2686]

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

March 23, 2007.

On July 28, 2000, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, licensee for the West Fork Hydroelectric Project, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. The West Fork Project is located on the Tuckasegee River in Jackson County, North Carolina.

The license for Project No. 2686 was issued for a period ending January 31, 2006. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the

Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2686 is issued to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC., for a period effective February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before January 31, 2007, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC. is authorized to continue operation of the West Fork Project until such time as the Commission acts on its application for a subsequent license.

Philis J. Posey,

Acting Secretary. [FR Doc. E7–5769 Filed 3–28–07; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2698]

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

March 23, 2007.

On July 25, 2000, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, licensee for the East Fork Hydroelectric Project, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. The West Fork Project is located on the Tuckasegee River in Jackson County, North Carolina.

The license for Project No. 2698 was issued for a period ending January 31, 2006. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2698 is issued to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC., for a period effective February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before January 31, 2007, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the