



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25-35-001]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on February 2, 2026, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) requested that the Commission grant an extension of time, until May 1, 2026, to complete construction and place into service one new injection/withdrawal well, connecting pipeline, and appurtenant facilities located at Columbia's Donegal Storage Field in Washington County, Pennsylvania (Project). On December 20, 2024, the Commission issued a Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization, which established a 60-day comment period, ending on February 18, 2025, to file protests. No protests were filed during the comment period, and accordingly the project self-implemented on February 19, 2025, and by Rule should have been completed within one year.

Columbia states that construction of the Project commenced on September 15, 2025. Columbia reiterates that the construction start date was delayed by approximately seven months due to an extended process to obtain a storage drilling permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), as was previously communicated in Columbia's biweekly status updates.¹ Columbia asserts that the delay was driven by several rounds of comments and additional review time required by PADEP. To date, the remaining work for the Project includes drilling Well 12653,

¹ *Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC*, Construction Status Reports No. 1 through No. 15, Docket No. CP25-35-000 (March 18, 2025, through September 15, 2025).

installing the connecting pipeline, and the final tie-ins connecting the new pipeline lateral and the well, ensuring full integration with the storage field and readiness for service. Columbia's anticipated in-service date, based on the Project's current progress, is May 1, 2026.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on Columbia's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file 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 Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.10).

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for NGA facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension requests that are contested,² the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.³ The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the extension.⁴ The Commission will not consider arguments that re-litigate the issuance of the certificate order, including whether the Commission

² Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 C.F.R. 385.2201(c)(1).

³ *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

⁴ *Id.* at P 40.

properly found the project to be in the public convenience and necessity and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the certificate complied with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).⁵ At the time a pipeline requests an extension of time, orders on certificates of public convenience and necessity are final and the Commission will not re-litigate their issuance.⁶ The Director of the Office of Energy Projects, or his or her designee, will act on all of those extension requests that are uncontested.

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⁵ Similarly, the Commission will not re-litigate the issuance of an NGA section 3 authorization, including whether a proposed project is not inconsistent with the public interest and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the permit order complied with NEPA.

⁶ *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

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Comment Date: 5:00 pm Eastern Time on February 24, 2026.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1.)

Dated: February 9, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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