

[Docket No. RP96-167-000]**NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

March 6, 1996.

Take notice that on March 1, 1996, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (NGT) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet to become effective April 1, 1996:

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 13

NGT states that the revised tariff sheet is filed in compliance with the Stipulation and Agreement ("Settlement") approved by Commission order in Docket No. RP91-49-004 on March 31, 1992. *Arkla Energy Resources, a division of Arkla, Inc.*, 58 FERC ¶ 61,359 (1992).

Pursuant to the Settlement, NGT is making its fourth annual filing, which proposes to continue the subject CSC Charge at \$0.03.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 214 and 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214, 385.211). All such motions or 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 proceeding. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Pacific Gas Transmission Co.; Notice of Change in FERC Gas Tariff**[Docket No. MT96-8-000]**

March 6, 1996.

Take notice that on March 1, 1996, Pacific Gas Transmission Company (PGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1-A, the following tariff sheet, to become effective April 1, 1996:

Second Revised Sheet No. 52.

PGT states that the tariff sheet which it is submitting reflect the addition of

Hermiston Generating Company, L.P. as a PGT affiliate.

PGT further states it has served a copy of this filing upon all interested state regulatory agencies and PGT's jurisdictional customers.

Any person desiring to be heard or protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or 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 proceeding. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket Nos. RP96-168-000 and MT96-9-000]**Questar Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing**

March 6, 1996.

Take notice that on March 1, 1996, Questar Pipeline Company, (Questar) pursuant to 18 CFR 154.7, and in compliance with the Commission's February 28, 1996, Order Authorizing Abandonment and Determining Jurisdictional Status of Facilities, (the February 28 order) in Docket No. CP95-650, tendered for filing and acceptance to be effective March 1, 1996, First Revised Sheet No. 2, Second Revised Sheet Nos. 7 and 96, Original Sheet No. 96A to First Revised Volume No. 1 and Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 8 to Original Volume No. 3 of its FERC Gas Tariff.

Questar states that these tariff sheets (1) revise the preliminary statement and statements of rates to reflect the transfer of Questar's gathering facilities and services to Questar Gas Management Company (QGM), Questar's affiliated gathering company and (2) implement standards of conduct as required by the February 28 order.

Questar states that a copy of this filing has been served upon its customers and the Utah and Wyoming public service commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or 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 proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP95-396-008]**Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

March 6, 1996.

Take notice that on February 29, 1996, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to become effective February 17, 1996.

Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 314A
Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 314B

Tennessee states that it is filing the proposed changes to comply with the Commission's February 14, 1996 Letter Order in the above-referenced docket, which required Tennessee to conform Sheet Nos. 314A and 314B to comply with Commission-approved changes that became effective on January 1, 1996. Tennessee further states that the tendered tariff sheets do not effect any substantive change to the Stipulation and Agreement filed on July 25, 1996.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with 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 proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public

inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-189-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Line VM-108 Replacement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

March 6, 1996.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the facilities proposed in the Line VM-108 Replacement Project.¹ This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary and whether to approve the project.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) wants to replace 7.3 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline, known as Line VM-108, with 7.3 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline in Prince George and Sussex Counties, Virginia. Columbia determined that 6.3 miles of the existing Line VM-108 have deteriorated and need to be replaced. Columbia also received a request from an existing customer, Virginia Natural Gas Company (VNG), to shift a delivery point. By replacing the 6.3 miles of deteriorated pipeline and extending the replacement an additional mile, Columbia can reassign 28,525 decatherms per day of natural gas from its Newport News No. 1 Gate Station to its Norfolk Gate Station to accommodate VNG's request.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.²

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would affect about 75.4 acres of land,

including 31.0 acres of temporary right-of-way. Following construction, 44.4 acres of land on existing right-of-way would be required for operation of the facilities. No new permanent right-of-way is required for the project.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Endangered and threatened species
- Public safety
- Land use
- Cultural resources
- Air quality and noise
- Hazardous waste

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, State, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues.

We have already identified issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Columbia. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list:

- Five perennial and seven intermittent streams would be crossed.
- Thirteen wetlands totalling about 9.5 acres would be affected.
- Two bird species, two fish species and two plant species that are rare or sensitive in Virginia are in the vicinity of the project area.
- Three residences are within 50 feet, and four domestic water wells are within 150 feet of the construction right-of-way.
- The project would cross or be near cultural resources.

The list of issues may be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our analysis.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP96-189-000;
- Send a copy of your letter to: Mr. Jeff Shenot, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., PR-11.2, Washington, D.C. 20426; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before April 12, 1996.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Mr. Shenot at the above address.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of

¹ Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

² The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the Federal Register. Copies are available from the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or call (202) 208-1371. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail.