

productivity information directly from MSHA. The EIA will evaluate the accuracy of the data reported to EIA for MSHA production versus the data reported directly to MSHA at the end of the first annual collection cycle. If the EIA deems the data to be comparable, in subsequent years data will come directly from MSHA.

The collection of coal price information on the Form EIA-7A, which is currently accomplished using the same data elements gathered to calculate coal production, will be preserved by reformatting the survey to request information on open market coal sales and revenues, as well as information on captive market coal sales and transfers, and corresponding value. Information on the amount of coal consumed at the reporting facility will also be retained as a separate data element. The collection of data on projected production during the next year will be eliminated.

The EIA also proposes to modify the reporting requirements for the Form EIA-7A. For Calendar Years beginning after 1997, mines producing less than 10,000 short tons annually, and stand-alone preparation plants recording fewer than 5,000 person hours annually, will no longer be required to submit the Form EIA-7A. Firms in the coal industry are sent the survey materials and those meeting the thresholds must file.

Form EIA-20

The Form EIA-20 is a Standby survey that was developed to collect weekly information on electric utility coal consumption and coal stocks in the event of a coal supply disruption. The Instructions for this Survey currently include an Appendix specifying a formula for estimating the number of days the reporting facility could continue to operate by burning the coal on hand at the end of the reporting period (i.e., burn days). The EIA proposes to delete this Appendix and to amend the Instructions to request that respondents calculate burn days in accordance with their customary operating practices.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of responses. Please indicate to which form(s) your comments apply.

General issues

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper

performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility? Practical utility is defined as the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can EIA make to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a potential respondent

A. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions require clarification?

B. Can data be submitted by the due date?

C. The estimated public reporting burden for each of the surveys included in the Coal Program Package is shown in the following Table.

Survey(s)	Estimated hours per response	
	Current	Proposed
EIA-1, EIA-4, and EIA-20	1.0	1.0
EIA-34	.4
EIA-59	.9
EIA-3A and EIA-5A	1.0	1.0
EIA-6A	5.0	5.0
EIA-6, Schedule Q5	.5
EIA-7A	1.0	.75

Burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide the information. The Forms EIA-1, 4, 6 (Schedule Q), and 20 are Standby surveys. The above estimates reflect the anticipated burden per response in the event these surveys are implemented.

Please comment on (1) the accuracy of our estimate and (2) how the agency could minimize the burden of the collection of information, including the use of information technology.

D. EIA estimates that respondents will incur no additional costs for reporting other than the hours required to complete the collection. What is the estimated: (1) total dollar amount annualized for capital and start-up costs, and (2) recurring annual costs of operation and maintenance, and purchase of services associated with this data collection?

E. Do you know of any other Federal, State, or local agency that collects similar data? If you do, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a potential user

A. Can you use data at the levels of detail indicated on the form?

B. For what purpose would you use the data? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources of data and do you use them? If so, what are their deficiencies and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP89-161-036]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Refund Report

July 23, 1998.

Take notice that on July 17, 1998, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), tendered for filing, a report of refunds paid to customers.

The refunds relate to ANR's Interim Sales Program for the period November 1, 1992 through October 31, 1993. The Commission issued an order on March 12, 1998 in the referenced proceeding which required ANR to file its Third Reconciliation Report on the Interim Sales Program. Such report, which detailed additional refunds to customers of revenues collected in excess of gas costs, was subsequently accepted by the Commission in a letter order dated June 12, 1998. Accordingly, on June 17, 1998, ANR states that it refunded to eligible customers \$7,557,718, consisting of principal amounts totaling \$5,251,258 and interest of \$2,306,460.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before July 29, 1998. 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public

inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT98-85-000]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Refund Report

July 24, 1998.

Take notice that on July 16, 1998, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans) filed a Report summarizing the refunds of GRI over collections which were credited to the July billing invoices of Equitrans' customers.

Equitrans states that on May 29, 1998 it received a refund from GRI of \$231,022 for collections in excess of 105% of Equitrans 1997 GRI funding level. Equitrans states that it credited this amount to its eligible firm customers in billing invoices which were mailed out on July 15, 1998. The credits were allocated to Equitrans eligible firm customers pro-rata based on GRI rate collections during the 1997 billing year.

Equitrans states that a copy of its report has been served on its customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before July 31, 1998. 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 proceedings. 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM98-12-29-001]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Tariff Filing

July 24, 1998.

Take notice that on July 17, 1998, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, Substitute Fifteenth Revised Tariff Sheet No. 50. The proposed effective date of the revised tariff sheet is July 1, 1998.

Transco states that the purpose of the instant filing is to supplement Transco's FT-NT Tracker filing of July 2, 1998 in Docket No. TM98-12-29-000 (July 2 Filing), which filing inadvertently neglected to revise the July 1, 1998 Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas) commodity rates. In order to reflect the correct FT-NT commodity rates, Transco is submitting Substitute Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 50 to replace the tariff sheet effective July 1, 1998 in the July 2 filing.

Transco states that copies of the instant filing are being mailed to affected customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 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 to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP97-71-010 and RP97-312-005]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

July 24, 1998.

Take notice that on July 20, 1998 Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, certain revised tariff sheets, which tariff sheets are enumerated in Appendix B attached to the filing.

Transco states that the purpose of the instant compliance filing is to reflect the rate and tariff provisions reflected in the pro forma tariff sheets accompanying the Stipulation and Agreement in Docket Nos. RP97-71 and RP97-312 approved by the Commission on June 12, 1998 (June 12 Order). In addition to the foregoing, included in the filing are tariff sheets proposed to be effective January 1, April 1, and August 1, 1998, which reflect the settlement rates approved by the June 12 Order updated to incorporate approved tracker filings made subsequent to the date the Agreement was filed (i.e. subsequent to January 20, 1998).

Transco states that copies of the filing are being mailed to all parties in Docket Nos. RP97-71 and RP97-312 and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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