157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct a new delivery facility to deliver gas to Union Pacific Fuel, Inc. (UP), a producer, authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83–21–000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

CIG proposes to construct a new delivery facility located in Cheyenne County, Colorado to deliver gas to UP. The facility would consist of a two-inch meter run and facilities appurtenant. UP would use the gas for operational fuel gas of their processing facility. The delivery facility would be capable of delivering up to 3,000 Mcf per day at an estimated cost of $8,000.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, 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 § 157.205 of the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a 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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98–151–000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

February 3, 1998.

Take notice that on December 22, 1997, as supplemented on January 26, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325–1273, filed an application in Docket No. CP98–151–000 for (1) Permission and approval to abandon certain jurisdictional natural gas facilities (a) by conveyance to Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P. (Millennium), (b) in place, or (c) by removal and (2) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing a lease of capacity from Millennium and a gas exchange arrangement to permit the continuation of services now provided by the facilities to be abandoned, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia states that it will enter into a limited partnership agreement with three other parties to form Millennium which has filed in Docket No. CP98–150–000 to construct and operate a pipeline system extending more than 400 miles from the international boundary with Canada in Lake Erie to a point near Mt. Vernon, New York. To eliminate duplicate facilities, Columbia has agreed to abandon facilities in place, by removal or by conveyance to Millennium. It is indicated that Columbia would remove certain segments of pipeline and Millennium would later place its pipeline in the same trench.

Columbia proposes to abandon in place 126.4 miles of 12-inch pipeline in Steuben, Chemung, Tioga, Broome, and Delaware Counties, New York, all part of Columbia's Line A–5. Columbia also proposes to abandon by removal approximately 7.1 miles of 24-inch pipeline, 0.2 miles of 16-inch pipeline, 54.6 miles of 12-inch pipeline, 21.4 miles of 10-inch pipeline, and 8.9 miles of 8-inch pipeline in Delaware, Sullivan, Orange and Rockland Counties, New York, all designated as portions of Line A–5.

Columbia proposes to abandon by conveyance to Millennium ten segments of pipeline ranging from 0.1 mile to 6.7 miles in length and from 4 to 24 inches in diameter, as well as 28 measuring stations, and the Milford Compressor Station consisting of a total of 1,050 horsepower.

Columbia is not proposing to abandon firm service to existing shippers as a result of the conveyance of facilities to Millennium. Columbia does indicate that it is negotiating with certain shippers for alternate delivery points or service. Columbia proposes to continue service to its existing A–5 shippers by implementing a capacity lease and exchange arrangement with Millennium. It is indicated that because the capacity lease agreement was regarded as a prerequisite to the development of the Millennium system from the outset, it was agreed in advance that Columbia would compensate Millennium for the long-haul capacity that would not be available because of the capacity lease. Columbia states that the monthly lease charge to be paid to Millennium by Columbia is equal to the firm transportation charges that would be paid to Millennium under a firm contract for 14,000 dt per day, the amount of firm long-haul capacity that would have been available on Millennium had not Columbia required the capacity for its A–5 shippers at existing service levels. Columbia seeks Commission authorization to treat the lease as an operating lease and record the costs in Account 858 as operational 858 costs and intends to begin recovery of the lease costs through a filing under its TCRA to be effective with its next rate filing in which the costs of the existing A–5 facilities are removed from its base rates. It is stated that under the lease agreement, Millennium will own and maintain operational control of the subject facilities.

In addition, Columbia Gas indicates that, prior to the conveyance of facilities to Millennium, it will install over-pressure protection equipment at a number of the measuring and regulating stations that will be conveyed but used for continued service to Columbia. It is indicated that the overpressure protection equipment is needed due to the higher maximum allowable operating pressure of the Millennium pipeline. Columbia has stated that the equipment would be installed as auxiliary facilities pursuant to Section 2.55(a) of the Commission's rules. However, Columbia has stated that it requests certificate authorization to install the facilities in the event the Commission determines that the facilities do not qualify as auxiliary facilities under Section 2.55.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 24, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest 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 (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the

Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as an original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Columbia to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97–287–012]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

February 3, 1998.

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1–A, the following tariff sheet to become effective February 1, 1998:

Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 30

El Paso states that the above tariff sheet is being filed to implement two negotiated rate contracts pursuant to the Commission's Statement of Policy on Alternatives to Traditional Cost-of-Service Ratemaking for Natural Gas Pipelines and Regulation of Negotiated Transportation Services of Natural Gas Pipelines issued January 31, 1996 at Docket Nos. RM95–6–000 and RM96–7–000.

Any person desiring to protest said 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 in accordance with 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98–123–000]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Proposed Changes In FERC Gas Tariff

February 3, 1998.

Take notice that on January 29, 1998, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, revised tariff sheets reflecting a rate change from currently effective rates and other changes in its tariff to the limited extent necessary to: (1) Implement the recovery of the stranded gathering reservation surcharge from all firm transportation customers under Rate Schedules NOFT, FTS, and STS–1 and to adjust the level of the surcharge based on the level of billing determinants for all firm transportation services; and (2) incorporate revised tariff language which gives transportation customers under Rate Schedule STS–1 the right to release their capacity through Equitrans' capacity release program and to receive service form all receipt, delivery, and pooling points on the Equitrans system on a secondary basis.

Equitrans states that in deriving the proposed stranded gathering surcharge gathering costs and the same reservation billing determinants and usage determinants which were reflected in Equitrans' RP97–346 rate filing. The only change which Equitrans states it proposes is the recalculation of the surcharge to eliminate storage billing determinants and include Section 7(c) transportation billing determinants. Equitrans is proposing a reservation-based gathering surcharge for firm transportation.

Equitrans states that this filing makes no change in the level of base tariff rates for any Equitrans' services—which rates are currently effective subject to refund and the outcome of a hearing in Docket No. RP97–346–000.

Equitrans requests that this filing be consolidated with its on-going rate case in Docket No. RP97–346. Equitrans also requests a shortened suspension period to permit the proposed level of the stranded gathering surcharge to take effect on March 1, 1998.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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 in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Rules and 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