

SUMMARY: Consistent with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting:

Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Laboratory Operations Board
Date and Time: Tuesday, February 24, 1998, 9:30 A.M.–3:30 P.M.
Place: Georgetown University Conference Center, Salon H, 3800 Reservoir Road, NW, Washington, DC 20057.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-1709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Laboratory Operations Board is to provide advice to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the strategic direction of the Department's laboratories, the coordination of budget and policy issues affecting laboratory operations, and the reduction of unnecessary and counterproductive management burdens on the laboratories. The Laboratory Operations Board's goal is to facilitate the productive and cost-effective utilization of the Department's laboratory system and the application of best business practices.

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

- 9:30–10:00 A.M.—Opening Remarks—
Co-Chairs: Under Secretary Dr. Ernest Moniz and Dr. John McTague
- 10:00–11:00 A.M.—Status Report on Laboratory Operations Board Activities
- 11:00–12:00 A.M.—Discussion of "Roadmap" Planning Activities
- 12:00–1:00 P.M.—Lunch
- 1:00–2:00 P.M.—Continuation of the Discussion of "Roadmap" Planning Activities
- 2:00–3:00 P.M.—Presentation on Department of Energy Contracting Policies & Practices
- 3:00–3:30 P.M.—Public Comment Period
- 3:30 P.M.—Adjourn

This tentative agenda is subject to change. A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

The Chairman of the Laboratory Operations Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a way which will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Washington, D.C., the Laboratory

Operations Board welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Laboratory Operations Board will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

Minutes

Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the Laboratory Operations Board may also be found at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on February 4, 1998.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OA96-154-002]

Central Illinois Public Service Company; Notice of Filing

February 4, 1998.

Take notice that on September 15, 1997, Central Illinois Public Service Company tendered for filing its refund report in the above-referenced docket.

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 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before February 17, 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 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-125-000]

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

February 4, 1998.

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised sheets, bearing a proposed effective date of March 2, 1998:

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 129

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 130

Columbia Gulf states that, the above referenced tariff sheets are being tendered for filing to correct the General Terms and Conditions (GTC), Section 1, of Columbia Gulf's Second Revised Volume No. 1 Tariff to incorporate the term "Offsystem-Onshore Zone". Columbia Gulf previously filed to incorporate this term in its tariff filing under Docket No. RP97-52-000 filed on October 31, 1996, (Third Revised Sheet No. 129). Subsequent Commission orders in Docket No. RP97-52, issued November 27, 1996 (77 FERC ¶ 61,255) (suspension order), and June 16, 1997 (79 FERC ¶ 61,351) accepted this and certain other tariff sheets listed in Appendix B of the November 27, 1996 order to become effective May 1, 1997.

During the suspension time period, Columbia Gulf filed additional changes to Section 1 of the GTC to incorporate the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) tariff requirements. It has come to Columbia Gulf's attention that the definition for "Offsystem-Onshore Zone" has been inadvertently omitted from Section 1 of the GTC and is, therefore, by the instant filing, placing that definition back into the GTC as Section 1.23 and thus requiring the renumbering of the remaining items in Section 1.

Columbia Gulf states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all firm

customers, interruptible customers, affected state 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 Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP97-287-010 and CP97-667-001]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Technical Conference

February 4, 1998.

On January 23, 1998, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. RP97-287-010 requiring that a technical conference be convened to address El Paso Natural Gas Company's proposed transportation contracts with Natural Gas Clearing House. The technical conference will afford a convenient opportunity to also address an issue in Docket No. CP97-667-001 as to the actual or potential role of Southern California Gas Company as a "gatekeeper" at the Topock delivery point.

The technical conference will convene at 10:00 a.m. on March 3, 1998, at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC, in a room to be designated at that time.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Mid Louisiana Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

February 4, 1998.

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, Mid Louisiana Gas Company (Mid Louisiana) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets with an effective date of March 1, 1998:

Original Sheet No. 0
Third Revised Sheet No. 86
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 130
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 131
Second Revised Sheet No. 203
First Revised Sheet No. 212
First Revised Sheet No. 213
First Revised Sheet No. 222
First Revised Sheet No. 223
First Revised Sheet No. 232
First Revised Sheet No. 233
First Revised Sheet No. 243
First Revised Sheet No. 275
First Revised Sheet No. 276

Mid Louisiana states that the purpose of the filing of the Revised Tariff Sheet(s) is to update its tariff to reflect recent changes in shared personnel and facilities.

Pursuant to Section 154.7(a)(7) of the Commission's Regulations, Mid Louisiana respectfully requests waiver of any requirement of the Regulations in order to permit the tendered tariff sheet to become effective March 1, 1998, as submitted.

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 Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests should 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. 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. CP98-210-000]

NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

February 4, 1998.

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, NorAm Gas Transmission Company (Applicant) 1600 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002 filed under Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations to abandon facilities in Louisiana, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspections.

Applicant proposes abandon by sale 15,350 feet of 4-inch pipe, comprising Line AM-3, in Caddo, Parish Louisiana to Arkla, a distribution division of NorAm Energy Corp. (Arkla). Arkla will buy the facilities at their net-book value. Arkla will use the AM-3 Line as part of its Ida, Louisiana distribution system.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after 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 Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (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 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 Natural Gas Act.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-127-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

February 4, 1998.

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing changes