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Richard W. Riley,

Secretary of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP00-416-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

August 4, 2000.

Take notice that on July 26, 2000, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), Post Office Box 10146, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146, filed in Docket No. CP00-416-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon certain pipeline facilities located in Ohio, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Columbia proposes to abandon the facilities by sale to Columbia Natural Resources, Inc. (CNR) and states that the facilities proposed for abandonment include Columbia's Line SR-545, which is a 20-inch pipeline beginning at a point near Columbia's Benton Compressor Station in Benton Township, Hocking County, Ohio and running approximately 16.3 miles in a

northeasterly direction to its terminus at a point near Columbia's Crawford Compressor Station in the township of Berne, Fairfield County, Ohio. It is stated that the facilities have been used by Columbia primarily to transport volumes of gas from Columbia's Benton Storage Field to its Crawford Compressor Station where the volumes are compressed and transported to Columbia's mainline transmission system for system supply and redelivery to the Columbus, Ohio, market.

It is explained that operation of the system has changed so that the volumes previously compressed at Crawford are now compressed at Benton; therefore, Line SR-545 is no longer necessary to Columbia's current operations. It is asserted that the facilities will be sold for their depreciated book cost, estimated to be \$290,390 as of December 31, 1999. Columbia states that the facilities are no longer an integral part of its transmission system and that the long-term needs of its customers will be best served through a divestiture of the non-core facilities.

Columbia also proposes to abandon service to mainline tap customers located along Line SR-545 and to terminate interruptible service agreements with CNR and Oxford Oil Company. It is asserted that CNR has agreed to continue providing service to those customers abandoned by Columbia, so that no customer would lose service as a result of the proposed abandonment. CNR has filed in Docket No. CP00-417-000 a request for declaratory order exempting the facilities from Commission jurisdiction.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Steven E. Hellman, Senior Attorney, at (703) 227-3467.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before August 25, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, 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 protestants parties to the proceedings. 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.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal 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,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP00-417-000]

Columbia Natural Resources, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

August 4, 2000.

Take notice that on July 26, 2000, Columbia Natural Resources, Inc. (CNR), P.O. Box 6070, Charleston, West Virginia 25362-0070, filed in Docket No. CP00-417-000 a petition pursuant to section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for a declaratory order exempting facilities to be acquired from Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) from Commission regulation under the NGA, as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

CNR proposes to purchase from Columbia facilities consisting of approximately 16.3 miles of 20-inch pipeline located in Hocking and Fairfield Counties, Ohio, for use in CNR's gathering operations. Columbia has filed an application to abandon the facilities by sale to CNR in Docket No. CP00-416-000. It is asserted that Columbia has been using the facilities for gathering gas on behalf of local

producers and making deliveries to customers. It is further asserted that CNR will continue to use the facilities to gather gas and will provide substitute nonjurisdictional alternatives to the service provided by Columbia. It is explained that CNR is not a natural gas company subject to the Commission's jurisdiction and that the facilities meet the Commission's criteria for a finding of a nonjurisdictional gathering function.

Any questions regarding the application may be directed to Jo Ellen Diehl Yeary, Counsel and Assistant Secretary, at (304) 353-5166.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should, on or before August 25, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 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 NGA. 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. 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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-287-053]

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

August 4, 2000.

Take notice that on July 31, 2000, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing and acceptance by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) the following tariff sheet to its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1-A, to become effective August 1, 2000:

Thirty-Second Revised Sheet No. 30

El Paso states that the above tariff sheet is being filed to implement a negotiated rate contract 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 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-298-003]

Kern River Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

August 4, 2000.

Take notice that on July 31, 2000, Kern River Gas Transmission Company (Kern River) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to be effective August 31, 2000.

Second Revised Sheet No. 15
Second Revised Sheet No. 71
Second Revised Sheet No. 171
Original Sheet No. 186
Sheet Nos. 187-299 (Reserved)
Original Sheet Nos. 423-426
Sheet Nos. 427-499 (Reserved)
Second Revised Sheet No. 501
Second Revised Sheet No. 601
Second Revised Sheet No. 701
Second Revised Sheet No. 901

Kern River states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Order directing Kern River to file actual tariff sheets, consistent with the pro forma sheets filed in this proceeding on June 19, 2000, in order to implement its extended-term (ET) rate proposal.

Kern River states that it has served a copy of this filing upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. MG00-9-000]

Michigan Gas Storage Company; Notice of Filing

August 4, 2000.

Take notice that on July 25, 2000, Michigan Gas Storage Company filed revised standards of conduct under Order Nos. 497 *et seq.*¹ Order Nos. 566 *et seq.*,² and Order No. 599.³

¹ Order No. 497, 53 FR 22139 (June 14, 1988), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1986-1990 ¶ 30,820 (1988); Order No. 497-A, *order on rehearing*, 54 FR 52781 (December 22, 1989), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1986-1990 ¶ 30,868 (1989); Order No. 497-B, *order extending sunset date*, 55 FR 53291 (December 28, 1990), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1986-1990 ¶ 30,908 (1990); Order No. 497-C, *order extending sunset date*, 57 FR 9 (January 2, 1992), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 30,934 (1991), *rehearing denied*, 57 FR 5815 (February 18, 1992), 58 FERC ¶ 61,139 (1992); *Tenneco Gas v. FERC* (affirmed in part and remanded in part), 969 F.2d 1187 (D.C. Cir. 1992); Order No. 197-D, *order on remand and extending sunset date*, 57 FR 58978 (December 14, 1992), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 30,958 (December 4, 1992); Order No. 497-E, *order on rehearing and extending sunset date*, 59 FR 243 (January 4, 1994), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 30,987 (December 23, 1993); Order No. 497-F, *order denying rehearing and granting clarification*, 59 FR 15336 (April 1, 1994), 66 FERC ¶ 61,347 (March 24, 1994); and Order No. 497-G, *order extending sunset date*, 59 FR 32884 (June 27, 1994), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 30,996 (June 17, 1994).

² Standards of Conduct and Reporting Requirements for Transportation and Affiliate Transactions, Order No. 566, 59 FR 32885 (June 27, 1994), FERC Stats. & Regs. 1991-1996 ¶ 30,997 (June 17, 1994); Order No. 566-A, *order on rehearing*, 59 FR 52896 (October 20, 1994), 69 FERC ¶ 61,044 (October 14, 1994); Order No. 566-B *order on rehearing*, 59 FR 65707 (December 21, 1994), 69 FERC ¶ 61,334 (December 14, 1994).

³ Reporting Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Marketing Affiliates on the Internet, Order No. 599, 63 FR 43075 (August 12, 1998), FERC Stats. & Regs. 31,064 (1998).