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Dated: July 15, 1997.

Gerald N. Tirozzi,

Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP95-408-021]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.; Notice of Refund Report

July 15, 1997.

Take notice that on June 30, 1997, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) its Refund Report made to comply with the November 22, 1996, Offer of Settlement in Docket No. RP95-408 *et al.* as approved by the Commission on April 17, 1997.

On June 2, 1997, Columbia made refunds in the amount of \$63,515,406.14 as a result of the settlement in Docket No. RP95-408, *et al.*, approved by the Commission on April 17, 1997. On November 22, 1996, Columbia submitted to the Commission an Offer of settlement in Docket Nos. RP95-408-000, RP96-149-000, CP96-118-000, CP96-213-000, CP96-668-000, CP96-385-000, and CP96-121-000. The Offer of Settlement represented an integrated and complete resolution of issues in these dockets, except for the environmental issues reserved for hearing in Phase II and a single rate design issue concerning the straight-fixed-variable (SFV) rate design underlying Columbia's rates. Stipulation I of the Settlement resolves all issues regarding zone or distance-sensitive rates. Stipulation II of the Settlement resolves issues related to rates and refunds, overall system costs, the sale of

gathering and products extraction facilities and the unbundling of gathering and products extraction costs, and the disposition of proceeds from sales of base gas.

The refunds made on June 2, 1997 include: (1) Refunds due under Article I, Section D of Stipulation I for the period November 1, 1996 through April 30, 1997, including interest through June 1, 1997; (2) Refunds due under Article I, Section E of Stipulation II for the difference between the Collection Rates in Appendix D and the Settlement Rates in Appendix E of the Settlement for the period February 1, 1996 through January 31, 1997, including interest through June 1, 1997; and (3) Refunds due under Article III, Section G of Stipulation II representing a lump sum payment for the time value of money associated with the deferred taxes applicable to the facilities to be sold to Columbia Natural Resources pursuant to Article II, Section D(1) of Stipulation II.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20424, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests should be filed on or before July 22, 1997. 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-2703-000]

Montaup Electric Company; Notice of Filing

July 15, 1997.

Take notice that on June 18, 1997, Montaup Electric Company tendered for filing an amendment 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 Procedures (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before July 25, 1997. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-620-000]

Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

July 15, 1997.

Take notice that on July 3, 1997, as supplemented on July 10, 1997, Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG), P.O. Box 3288, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, filed in Docket No. CP97-620-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for permission and approval to abandon, by sale to Western Gas Resources, Inc. (WGR), 10.7 miles of the Yellowstone 12-inch lateral pipeline and related facilities, and two meter settings in Woods County, Oklahoma and Comanche County, Kansas, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

WNG states that the Yellowstone 12-inch lateral was originally constructed to transport volumes of gas purchased by WNG from the Yellowstone field to WNG's 26-inch Straight Line. WNG further states that because of changes in the natural gas industry resulting from Commission Order Nos. 436, 500 and 636, WNG has determined that WNG's ownership of the Yellowstone lateral line is no longer required and proposes to abandon the lateral by sale to WGR.

WNG states that upon acquisition by WGR, the Yellowstone 12-inch lateral line will be connected to WGR's, or an affiliate of WGR's existing gathering system which will deliver volumes into the Chaney Dell processing plant and/or Chester processing plant in Woodward County, Oklahoma. In addition, WNG states that WGR intends to file a petition for declaratory order seeking a determination that the subject facilities,

once conveyed to WGR, are gathering facilities exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction under NGA section 1(b).

WNG states that it will sell the Yellowstone 12-inch lateral to WGR for \$10; however, as additional consideration, WGR will deliver at least 4 Bcf of natural gas over a three year period from the Chaney Dell or Chester Plants to WNG for transportation through the WNG system.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before August 5, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 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. 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 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 permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 WNG to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-1655-000, et al.]

Nevada Power Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

July 14, 1997.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Nevada Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-1655-000]

Take notice that on July 8, 1997, Nevada Power Company (Nevada Power) tendered for filing a second amendment to its Electric Service Agreement Coordination Tariff (Amendment) having a proposed effective date of March 1, 1997. The Amendment is being made to eliminate the 1 mill/kWh markup on energy charges when Nevada Power's system incremental cost in the hour reflects a purchase power resource. The Amendment also states that a 1.0 to 1.0 return ratio for banked energy will be standard except in situations where on-peak energy is being returned during off-peak periods.

Comment date: July 28, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph (E) at the end of this notice.

2. Western Resources, Inc.

[Docket Nos. ER97-2411-001 and ER97-2412-001]

Take notice that on July 9, 1997, Western Resources, Inc. tendered for filing its compliance filing in the above-referenced dockets.

Comment date: July 28, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph (E) at the end of this notice.

3. Interstate Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-2870-000]

Take notice that on June 20, 1997, Interstate Power Company tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

Comment date: July 28, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph (E) at the end of this notice.

4. Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.

[Docket Nos. ER97-3307-000 and ER97-3015-000]

Take notice that on June 21, 1997, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. tendered for filing amendments in the above-referenced dockets.

Comment date: July 28, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph (E) at the end of this notice.

5. Northeast Utilities System Companies

[Docket No. ER97-3329-000]

Take notice that on July 2, 1997, New England Power Pool tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

Comment date: July 28, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph (E) at the end of this notice.

6. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-3441-000]

Take notice that on June 26, 1997, Illinois Power Company (Illinois Power), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur, Illinois 62526, tendered for filing non-firm transmission agreements under which Consumers Power Company dba Consumers Energy Company (Consumers) and The Detroit Edison Company (Edison), which with Consumers shall be referred to collectively as the Michigan Companies will take transmission service pursuant to its open access transmission tariff. The agreements are based on the form of service agreement in Illinois Power's tariff.

Illinois Power has requested an effective date of June 15, 1997.

Comment date: July 28, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph (E) at the end of this notice.

7. Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-3442-000]

Take notice that on June 26, 1997, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E) filed a service agreement between RG&E and the Williams Energy Services Company (Customer). This service agreement specifies that the Customer has agreed to the rates, terms and conditions of RG&E's FERC Electric Rate Schedule, Original Volume 1 (Power Sales Tariff) accepted by the Commission in Docket No. ER94-1279-000, as amended by RG&E's December 31, 1996 filing in Docket No. OA97-243-000 (pending).

RG&E requests waiver of the Commission's sixty (60) day notice requirements and an effective date of June 20, 1997 for the Williams Energy Services Company Service Agreement. RG&E has served copies of the filing on the New York State Public Service Commission and on the Customer.

Comment date: July 28, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph (E) at the end of this notice.