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**Lois D. Cashell,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-254-002]

#### Williams Natural Gas Company; Notice of Refund Report

July 2, 1997.

Take notice that on June 27, 1997, Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG) tendered for filing a refund report, pursuant to Commission order issued May 20, 1997, in the above referenced docket, and WNG's report of penalty revenue filed February 18, 1997.

WNG states that the May 20 order directed WNG to make refunds within 15 days of the receipt of the order. WNG made such refunds on June 4, 1997. The order further directed WNG to make the confidential documents available to MGE and to inform the Commission of the date on which that occurred. MGE received the confidential documents on June 5, 1997. A letter was filed on June 6, 1997 informing the Commission that MGE had received the documents on June 5, 1997.

MGE was directed to file any comments with the Commission within 15 days from the date it received the confidential material. In the event MGE filed no comments, WNG was directed to file its final refund report within 7 days after the expiration of the 15 days. No comments were filed by MGE, therefore, WNG is hereby filing its refund report.

WNG states that a copy of its filing was served on all jurisdictional customers 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 Referenced Room.

**Lois D. Cashell,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT97-49-000]

#### Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Refund Report

July 2, 1997.

Take notice that on June 27, 1997, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin) tendered for filing with the Commission its Refund Report for 1996 Gas Research Institute (GRI) overcollections in compliance with the Commission's "Order Approving Refund Methodology for 1994 Overcollections" issued February 22, 1995 in GRI's Docket No. RP95-124-000.

Williston Basin states that on April 25, GRI filed with the Commission its "Report on Refunds" in Docket No. RP97-340-000 in which it reported \$222,797.00 was refunded to Williston Basin for 1996 GRI overcollections.

In addition, Williston Basin states that on June 13, 1997, refunds totaling \$222,797.00 were mailed to its applicable firm transportation shippers. Such refunds were based on the proportion of each applicable firm shipper's demand and commodity GRI charges paid during the 1996 calendar year to the total applicable firm shippers' GRI charges paid during the 1996 calendar year.

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 (Sections 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before July 9, 1997. Protests will be considered

by the Commission 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 the proceeding must file a motion to intervene. Copies of the filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Lois D. Cashell,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Issuance of Decisions and Orders by the Office of Hearings and Appeals

#### Week of June 2 Through June 6, 1997

During the week of June 2 through June 6, 1997, the decisions and orders summarized below were issued with respect to appeals, applications, petitions, or other requests filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy. The following summary also contains a list of submissions that were dismissed by the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Copies of the full text of these decisions and orders are available in the Public Reference Room of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Room 1E-234, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-0107, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., except federal holidays. They are also available in Energy Management: Federal Energy Guidelines, a commercially published loose leaf reporter system. Some decisions and orders are available on the Office of Hearings and Appeals World Wide Web site at <http://www.oha.doe.gov>.

Dated: July 1, 1997.

**George B. Breznay,**  
*Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.*

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Hearings and Appeals

[Decision List No. 36]

#### Appeal

*Information Focus on Energy, Inc.,*  
6/6/97, VFA-0293

DOE granted in part and denied in part an appeal of the withholding of information in a determination by the Ohio Field Office. OHA found that some of the information was properly withheld under Exemption 6, but regarding one document, OHA

remanded the request for release of non-exempt information.

#### Personnel Security Hearing

*Personnel Security Hearing, 6/4/97, VSO-0130*

A Hearing Officer issued an Opinion regarding the eligibility of an individual to maintain an access authorization under the provisions of 10 CFR part 710. The DOE Personnel Security Division alleged that the individual is a user of alcohol habitually to excess, or has been

diagnosed by a board-certified psychiatrist as alcohol dependent or as suffering from alcohol abuse. See 10 CFR § 710.8(j). The parties convened for an evidentiary hearing in which nine witnesses testified. After carefully examining the record of the proceeding, the Hearing Officer determined that the individual had demonstrated that he is sufficiently rehabilitated and reformed from his past alcohol abuse problems. Accordingly, the Hearing Officer

recommended that DOE Security restore the individual's access authorization.

#### Refund Applications

The Office of Hearings and Appeals issued the following Decisions and Orders concerning refund applications, which are not summarized. Copies of the full texts of the Decisions and Orders are available in the Public Reference Room of the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Breman's Express Co .....	RG272-83	6/4/97
C.J. Vignolo Farms .....	RG272-74	6/5/97
Maxine Vancloostere .....	RK272-2007	6/4/97
Nabors Drilling USA, Inc et al .....	RK272-03672	6/5/97
Rufus Morrison, Sr. et al .....	RF272-38479	6/5/97

#### Dismissals

The following submissions were dismissed.

Name	Case No.
Chilcote, Inc .....	RG272-00684
H.C. Oil Company .....	RR340-00004
Mystic Fuel, Inc .....	RR300-00284

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Notice of Issuance of Decisions and Orders by the Office of Hearings and Appeals

##### Week of June 9 Through June 13, 1997

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Dated: July 1, 1997.

**George B. Breznay,**  
*Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.*

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Office of Hearings and Appeals

[Decision List No. 37]

##### Appeals

*Information Focus on Energy, Inc., 6/12/97, VFA-0295*

The DOE issued a Decision and Order denying a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Appeal that was filed by Information Focus on Energy (IFOE). In its Appeal, IFOE sought access to information that was withheld by the DOE's Office of General Counsel pursuant to the attorney work product privilege of Exemption 5. The withheld information consisted of the amounts of settlements negotiated in lawsuits involving DOE contractors. The DOE determined that this information was properly withheld under Exemption 5, and that release of the information was not in the public interest.

*Sandra Clayton, 6/13/97, VFA-0289*

The DOE denied a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Appeal filed by Sandra Clayton. Clayton sought information concerning an investigation of sexual harassment allegedly conducted at the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA). The DOE found that WAPA's use of the Glomar

response, neither confirming or denying the existence of relevant material, was appropriate under FOIA Exemption 6. The DOE found no overriding public interest in disclosure, and further concluded that the release of any information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of anyone allegedly involved. Accordingly, the Appeal was denied.

##### Personnel Security Hearing

*Personnel Security Hearing, 6/10/97, VSO-0132*

A Hearing Officer issued an Opinion regarding the eligibility of an individual for access authorization under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 710. After considering the record, the Hearing Officer found that the individual had demonstrated financial irresponsibility for approximately 12 years and that this conduct, as specified by 10 CFR § 710.8(l) (Criterion L), indicated that the individual (i) may not be honest, reliable or trustworthy or (ii) may be subject to pressure, coercion, exploitation or duress.

At the hearing, the individual presented some evidence that in the past 6 months he had changed the manner in which he had handled his financial affairs. However, the Hearing Officer concluded that the individual had not presented evidence sufficient to conclude that the individual had reformed his conduct regarding his