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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT97-57-000]

#### Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Refund Report

July 29, 1997.

Take notice that on July 24, 1997, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf) tendered for filing with the Commission its Refund Report made to comply with the Docket No. RP97-149.

Columbia Gulf states that it has credited refunds received from Gas Research Institute (GRI) in the above referenced docket to eligible firm customers on a pro rata basis. Columbia Gulf states that it made these refunds (\$116,055.27) in the form of credits to invoices issued on or around May 10, 1997, which were payable to Columbia on or before June 10, 1997.

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 on or before August 5, 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. 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.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-151-004]

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

July 29, 1997.

Take notice that on July 24, 1997, Mid Louisiana Gas Company (Mid Louisiana) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, Second Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 87, with an effective date of June 1, 1997.

Mid Louisiana asserts that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Letter Order, dated July 15, 1997 in Docket No. RP97-151-003 wherein the Commission directed Mid Louisiana to refile the stated tariff sheet indicating version numbers for GISB standards incorporated by reference.

Mid Louisiana states that the modifications evidenced on the enclosed tariff sheets reflect Mid Louisiana's compliance with such directives. The sheet is submitted with the effective date unchanged, June 1, 1997.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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. Copies of this compliance 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. GT97-56-000]

#### NorAm Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Refund Report Filing

July 29, 1997.

Take notice that on July 24, 1997, NorAm Gas Transmission Company

(NGT) filed a refund report pursuant to the Commission's February 22, 1995, Order in Docket No. RP95-125 (70 FERC ¶ 61,205).

NGT states that 1996 Gas Research Institute Tier 1 refunds totaling \$258,796, were made to its eligible firm transportation customers during the period of June 20 to June 30, 1997.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene on protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 214 and 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 and 385.211). All such motions or 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. 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. CP97-657-000]

#### Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 29, 1997.

Take notice that on July 22, 1997, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158-0900, filed in Docket No. CP97-657-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.211 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211 and 157.216) for authorization to abandon its existing Issaquah Meter Station by removal and its existing Issaquah Lateral by sale to Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (Puget), and to construct and operate an upgraded, replacement Issaquah Meter Station at a new site in King County, Washington, under Northwest's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-443-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northwest states the Issaquah Lateral consists of 1.4 miles of 6-inch lateral pipeline, associated valves and appurtenances, extending westward from milepost 1377 on Northwest's mainline in King County, Washington. Northwest states the Issaquah Meter Station is located at the downstream terminus of the Issaquah Lateral and consists of one 8-inch orifice meter, one 8-inch turbine meter, four 4-inch dual port regulators in monitor configuration, 6-inch inlet and outlet piping, associated valves and appurtenances. Northwest states the existing meter station has a design delivery capacity of 37,800 Dth per day at the current contractual delivery pressure of 260 psig.

Northwest states that Puget requested Northwest to upgrade the Issaquah delivery point to provide increased delivery capacity and a higher delivery pressure to enable Puget to serve new customers in this rapidly-growing market.

Northwest states that Northwest and Puget have entered into a Facilities Agreement dated June 30, 1997, which provides for the construction of upgraded replacement facilities at the relocated Issaquah Meter Station site, adjacent to Northwest's mainline at milepost 1377.2. Northwest states the tap facilities will consist of a 10-inch tap on Northwest's 26-inch mainline, an 8-inch tap on the 30-inch loop line, valves and appurtenances. Northwest states the new meter station will consist of inlet piping connecting the tap facilities to the relocated meter station, two 8-inch turbine meters, two 8-inch regulators, two 6-inch regulators, station piping, associated valves and appurtenances. Northwest states the replacement meter station will have a design delivery capacity of approximately 75,900 Dth per day at a delivery pressure of 475 psig.

Northwest states the Facilities Agreement provides that Northwest will construct and own the mainline tap for the new meter station and Puget will construct and own the remainder of the meter station facilities. Northwest states that pursuant to an Operating Agreement between Puget and Northwest, dated March 26, 1994, as amended, the new Issaquah Lateral metering facilities to be owned by Puget will be operated by Northwest as part of its open-access transmission system.

Northwest states that the total cost for construction of the upgraded and relocated replacement meter station will be approximately \$623,800; \$40,400 for new tap facilities to be built and owned by Northwest, and reimbursed by Puget, and the remainder for new meter

facilities to be built and owned by Puget.

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 (28 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, 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.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-103-003]

#### OkTex Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

July 29, 1997.

Take notice that on July 25, 1997, OkTex Pipeline Company (OkTex), filed the tariff sheets in compliance with the Commission's directives in Order's No. 587 and 587-B.

OkTex states that the tariff sheets reflect the changes to OkTex's tariff that result from the Gas Industry Standards Board's (GISB) consensus standards that were adopted by the Commission in its July 17, 1996, Order No. 587 in Docket No. RM96-1-000, Order No. 587-B, and Commission Order issued May 1, 1997, in Docket No. RP97-103-001 and Docket No. RP97-103-002. OkTex further states that Order No. 587 contemplates that OkTex will implement the GISB consensus standards for June 1997 business, and that the tariff sheets therefore reflect an effective date of June 1, 1997.

OkTex states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all affected customers and state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20416, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's

Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protest will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to this 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. CP97-662-000]

#### Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company; Notice of Application

July 29, 1997.

Take notice that on July 24, 1997, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company (Panhandle), P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, filed in Docket No. CP97-662-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon a segment of pipeline and appurtenant facilities located in Moore County, Texas, as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Panhandle states that the facilities consist of approximately 910 feet of the 22-inch Sunray Station Suction Line. Panhandle proposes to abandon approximately 774 feet of the line in place and states that approximately 136 feet of the line would be removed by the Texas Department of Transportation (Texas DOT). It is stated that the abandonment would not affect service to Panhandle's customers because the remaining segment of the line, approximately 2,695 feet of suction line, would continue to be used to transport gas from the Maxus Diamond Shamrock Sunray Plant. It is stated that the abandonment is required because the Texas DOT has notified Panhandle that it intends to expand the Texas State Road, FM 119, by mid-August 1997. It is asserted that the segment of line proposed for abandonment has been idle since operations at the Diamond Shamrock McKee Plant were suspended. It is estimated that the cost of abandoning facilities as proposed would be \$16,350.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said