

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. TM97-13-29-000]****Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

September 9, 1997.

Take notice that on September 3, 1997 Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing to become part its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, Sixth Revised Sheet No. 50, to be effective July 1, 1997.

Transco states that the purpose of the instant filing is to track rate changes attributable to transportation service purchased from Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas) under its Rate Schedule FT the costs of which are included in the rates and charges payable under Transco's Rate Schedule FT-NT. Transco states that the filing is being made pursuant to tracking provisions under Section 4 of Transco's Rate Schedule FT-NT.

Transco states that included in Appendix B attached to the filing is the explanation of the rate changes and details regarding the computation of the revised Rate Schedule FT-NT rates.

Transco states that copies of the filing are being mailed to each of its FT-NT customers and interested 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, 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 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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. ER97-3954-000]****Unicom Power Marketing, Inc.; Notice of Filing**

September 9, 1997.

Take notice that on August 28, 1997, Unicom Power Marketing, Inc., 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 Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests must be filed on or before September 19, 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.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP94-753-003]****United Cities Gas Company; Notice of Application To Amend**

September 9, 1997.

Take notice that on September 4, 1997, Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos), c/o Crowell & Moring LLP, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004-2595 filed an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations to amend the limited jurisdiction certificate of public convenience and necessity issued in Docket No. CP94-753-000, *et al.* to United Cities Gas Company (United Cities), by substituting Atmos as the holder of the limited jurisdiction certificate. Atmos's application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Atmos states that on July 31, 1997, a merger between United Cities and

Atmos became effective; and, the merged company bears the name Atmos. The limited jurisdiction certificate was issued in the above-captioned docket¹ authorizing United Cities to operate the Barnsley Storage Field (Barnsley) in Hopkins County, Kentucky, since it intended to lease capacity to a single storage customer, Sonat Marketing Company (Sonat), whose gas would flow in interstate commerce. United Cities' certificate was amended to replace Sonat with Woodward Marketing, LLC as the recipient of the storage service.² The certificate was further amended, to add to the certificated storage facilities four storage fields in Kansas.³

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 30, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 §§ 385.211 and 385.214) 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 in any proceeding herein 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 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 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

¹ See, 68 FERC ¶ 61,334 (1994).² See, 71 FERC ¶ 62,220 (1995).³ See, 75 FERC ¶ 62,044 (1996).

unnecessary for Atmos to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM98-1-43-000]

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

September 9, 1997.

Take notice that on September 3, 1997, Williams Natural Gas Company (WNG) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, Twenty Second Revised Sheet No. 6A. The proposed effective date of this tariff sheet is October 1, 1997.

WNG states that pursuant to Article 26 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff, and FERC Annual Charges Billing under 18 CFR Part 382, dated August 1, 1997, WNG is filing to reflect an increase in the FERC Annual Charge Adjustment from \$.0020 to \$.0022 per Dth for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1997. The unit charge factor of \$.0020 per Dth, approved by the Commission, is adjusted by the debit amount related to the previous fiscal year to arrive at a total ACA unit charge factor of \$.0022.

WNG states that a copy of its filing was served on all jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or a 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 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. 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

Western Area Power Administration

Transmission and Ancillary Services Rates, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin, Eastern Division

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rate adjustments.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is proposing transmission service and ancillary service rate adjustments for Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Eastern Division (P-SMBP-ED). The proposed formula rates will provide sufficient revenue to repay all annual costs and assigned investment within the allowable time periods. The proposed formula rates are scheduled to go into effect May 1, 1998. This **Federal Register** notice continues the procedure for public participation in the transmission and ancillary service rate adjustments, which began with Western's Advance Announcement dated March 28, 1997.

DATES: The consultation and comment period for the proposed transmission service and ancillary service rates will end November 14, 1997. Written comments should be received by Western by the end of the comment period to be assured consideration. Western will present a detailed explanation of the proposed rate at the public information forums which will be held at the following dates and times:

1. October 16, 1997—9 a.m. MDT, Billings, Montana.
2. October 17, 1997—9 a.m. CDT, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Western will receive written and oral comments at the public comment forums which will be held at the following times:

3. November 13, 1997—9 a.m. MST, Billings, Montana.
4. November 14, 1997—9 a.m. CST, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

ADDRESSES: Western's public information forums will be held at the following places:

1. Radisson Northern Hotel, Broadway & 1st Avenue North, Billings, Montana.

2. Howard Johnson, 3300 West Russell Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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3. Radisson Northern Hotel, Broadway & 1st Avenue North, Billings, Montana.

4. Howard Johnson, 3300 West Russell Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Written comments should be sent to: Gerald C. Wegner, Regional Manager, Upper Great Plains Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 35800, Billings, MT 59107-5800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert F. Riehl, Rates Manager, Upper Great Plains Region (UGPR), Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 35800, Billings, MT 59107-5800, (406) 247-7388. E-mail riehl@wapa.gov or visit UGPR's home page at <http://www.wapa.gov/ugpr/>.

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I. Introduction/Background

Western initiated a public process to establish long-term open access transmission and ancillary service rates for the P-SMBP-ED with its advance announcement of March 28, 1997. Several options were identified and comments and ideas were solicited on these options. Forty-five letters were received as a result of the solicitation. The letters commented on fourteen issues. The most constant and consistent message received from the comments was that Western should choose a proposal that would have the least impact upon the P-SMBP-ED firm power rate. This **Federal Register** notice continues that process.

II. Western's Proposal

1. Honor Existing Contract Arrangements

Western presently has the following transmission and related services contract agreements. Western intends to abide by the terms of these agreements and sustain the benefits incurred from these agreements.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric) has a bilateral Contract, 90-BAO-415, with Western for Joint Transmission System services. The Contract became effective on the first day of the first full billing period following the date of its execution, January 5, 1995, and remains in effect