

between an oil price shock and the oil use reductions following it and to magnify such reductions in the key transportation sector, where reductions have been small compared to other sectors. The perceived potential of the U.S. to introduce alternatives in the event of an oil price increase, may dampen the price increase sought by oil-exporting countries in the event of a supply disruption.¹

It is also possible that a well designed EPACT-initiated process of fuel switching could avoid or reduce the magnitude of problems such as inflation, involved with the relatively abrupt technological transitions in transportation that historically follow major oil shocks and which have also characterized historical fuel switches. Alternative fuel transportation systems could be more fully ripe for widespread deployment and the American public more amenable to fuel switching as a result of EPACT fleet programs and DOE RD&D programs.

Despite the many uncertainties, it preliminarily appears that the programs authorized by Congress in EPACT will fall substantially short of the year 2010 goal of 30 percent. DOE may need to modify that goal under EPACT sec. 504, possibly by rolling back the target dates. EPACT provides ample flexibility for DOE to so scale back the ambitious statutory goals rather than to adopt draconian policies. At the same time, DOE understands that many are concerned over what is perceived as EPACT's excessive reliance on mandates rather than economic incentives.

III. Availability of Proposed Technical and Policy Analysis

The Technical and Policy Analysis required by EPACT Section 506 is available in a draft report for public review and comment. Copies of the draft analysis, written comments, and any other docket material received may be read and copied at the DOE Freedom of Information Reading Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Room 1E-190, 1000 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, telephone 202-586-6020 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. The docket file material will be filed under "EE-NOA-97-506". An electronic version of the proposed Technical and

Policy Analysis and electronically compatible portions of the docket material will be available from the Office of Transportation Technologies's website at: <http://www.ott.doe.gov>, under the Rules and Legislation section (<http://www.ott.doe.gov/office.rules.html>). Additional copies of the proposed Technical and Policy Analysis may be obtained from the National Alternative Fuels Hotline and Data Center, P.O. Box 12316, Arlington, Va. 22209, (800) 423-1DOE, (703) 528-3500 (local), Fax: (703) 528-1953.

IV. Public Comment Procedures

The Department of Energy encourages the maximum level of public participation in review and comment of the proposed Technical and Policy Analysis. The Department has established a comment period of 90 days following publication of this notice for persons to provide comment. The public comment period closes on January 26, 1998.

All public comments and other docket material will be available for review in the DOE Freedom of Information Reading Room at the address shown at the beginning of this notice. The docket material will be filed under "EE-NOA-97-506."

Interested persons are invited to participate in this proceeding by submitting written data, views or arguments with respect to the subjects set forth in this notice. Instructions for submitting written comments are set forth at the beginning of this notice and below.

Written comments (5 copies) should be labeled both on the envelope and on the documents, "Section 506 Technical and Policy Analysis (Docket No. EE-NOA-97-506)," and must be received by the date specified at the beginning of this notice. All comments and other relevant information received by the date specified at the beginning of this notice will be considered by DOE.

In addition, commenters are requested to provide a supplemental electronic copy of comments (1 copy), if possible, to facilitate the posting of comments on the Department's website. These optional electronic versions of comments should be stored in common text or word processor formats and saved on a pc-compatible 3.5" diskette and mailed to the address above; or emailed directly to afv-deployment@hq.doe.gov. Electronic versions are considered supplemental only—the Department is not able at this time to guarantee the inclusion in the docket of comments provided only in electronic format.

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information or data that is believed to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit one complete copy of the document and 3 copies, if possible, from which the information believed to be confidential has been deleted. The Department will make its own determination with regard to the confidential status of the information or data and treat it according to its determination.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AC97-185-000]

Aluminum Company of America; Notice of Filing

October 21, 1997.

Take notice that on September 25, 1997, Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa), filed a request on behalf of its wholly-owned subsidiaries Tapoco, Inc. (Tapoco) and Yadkin, Inc. (Yadkin), for approval of a change in the method of depreciating fixed assets. Specifically, Alcoa proposes to change from a composite depreciation method for fixed assets to a traditional straight-line depreciation method. The proposed change in depreciation method is for accounting purposes only, effective January 1, 1998.

Alcoa states that it is attempting to standardize and streamline its financial systems, which will include automating the fixed asset records of Tapoco, Inc. and Yadkin, Inc.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said application 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 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before November 20, 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 must file a motion to intervene. Copies

¹ While the U.S. share of world oil imports and its importance in the world oil market are likely to be less in the next century than in the 1970s and 80s, U.S. leadership in alternative transportation fuel policy and technology development could well catalyze similar developments in other importing countries.

of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP94-43-015]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Motion To Place Rates Into Effect

October 21, 1997.

Take notice that on October 17, 1997, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), tendered for filing a "Motion of ANR Pipeline Company for Exeditious Approval to Place Rates into Effect Pending Approval of Settlement, and Request for Shortened Response Time."

ANR states that the purpose of such motion is to obtain Commission approval to place lower rates into effect pending Commission action on a concurrently filed offer of settlement in the captioned proceeding, subject to certain conditions.

ANR states that copies of this filing have been mailed to all persons designated on the Restricted Service List, intervenors, affected customers and state regulatory commissions.

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. The notice period will be shortened so that all such protests must be filed on or before October 24, 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. 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. CP98-26-000]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

October 21, 1997.

Take notice that on October 14, 1997, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNGT), 445 West Main Street, P.O. Box 2450, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26302-2450, filed in Docket No. CP98-26-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon in place seven miles of 2-inch pipeline, known as Lines H-2 and D-10372, located in Marshall and Doddridge Counties, West Virginia, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

CNGT proposes to abandon in place approximately 35,721 feet of 2-inch pipeline known as H-2, located in Marshall County and 1,145 feet of 2-inch pipeline known as D-10372, located in Doddridge County, West Virginia, due to the age and condition of the lines. CNGT states that Hope Gas, Inc. has approximately fifteen residential customers on the lines whose service will be replaced by propane or other available utility service in accordance with the West Virginia Public Service Commission. CNGT declares the facilities need to be abandoned and are no longer economic to maintain for the few residential consumers located on former production properties that currently do not have production connected to the lines.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said Application should on or before November 12, 1997, 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 385.211 or 18 CFR 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 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 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 petition 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 abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition 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 Applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP96-213-000, et al. and CP96-559-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Site Visits

October 21, 1997.

The Office of Pipeline Regulation (OPR) will conduct site visits, with representatives of Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation and Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation, of the following portions of the Market Expansion Project on the dates indicated:

October 22, 1997—Coco A Storage Field facilities in Kanawha County, West Virginia

October 23, 1997—Line SM-123 in Mingo and Wyoming Counties, West Virginia

October 30-31, 1997—Windridge, Uniontown, and Bedford Discharge Replacement Projects in Greene, Somerset, and Fulton Counties, Pennsylvania, respectively

All interested parties may attend. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation.