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**Note:** The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Randolph-Sheppard Act (20 U.S.C. 107d-2(c)) (the Act), the Secretary publishes in the **Federal Register** a synopsis of each arbitration panel decision affecting the administration of vending facilities on Federal and other property.

### Background

Complainant Herbert E. Brown, a blind vendor, operated a snack bar facility with vending machines at the headquarters of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) in Columbus, Ohio from 1989 until his removal from the facility in January 1995.

This dispute concerns complainant's removal as the manager of the ODNR snack bar vending facility. In December 1994, Mr. Brown requested and received permission from the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired, the State licensing agency (SLA), to take a vacation from December 20, 1994 to January 5, 1995 outside the State of Ohio.

In accordance with the operator's agreement and the SLA's rules and regulations governing the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility Program, complainant designated his employee to operate the facility in his absence. Complainant did not leave a telephone number where he could be reached during his vacation with either his employee or the SLA.

On December 21, 1994, complainant's employee fell and broke her leg en route to open the vending facility. The employee was hospitalized until January 2, 1995. A member of the SLA staff visited the employee in the hospital on December 21, 1994 and obtained the keys to the snack bar. On December 22, 1994, the SLA secured a substitute vendor to operate the vending machines that were a part of the facility. However, the over-the-counter food service of the snack bar remained closed. Mr. Brown learned on December

23 that his employee had broken her leg and was not operating the vending facility. Complainant thereafter attempted to reach the SLA staff but was unsuccessful. Complainant left a message with an SLA staff member that he was unable to return to Ohio due to illness. However, complainant again did not leave a telephone number where he could be reached.

On January 4, 1995, the SLA took possession of the vending facility and prepared a closing inventory. Mr. Brown was not present, and, according to the closing inventory, he owed the SLA \$621.15.

On January 5, 1995, Mr. Brown returned to Ohio and met with the SLA staff. The staff provided complainant with written notification of his removal as manager of the vending facility and the termination of his operator's agreement. The SLA alleged that Mr. Brown had violated the SLA's rules and regulations and vendor operator's agreement by failing to have the facility open at specific times, failing to find an immediate replacement for the employee who had been hospitalized, not leaving a telephone number where complainant could be reached, and abandoning his facility.

Complainant gave the SLA a handwritten note on January 5, 1995 contesting the closing inventory amount of \$621.15. However, the SLA did not treat Mr. Brown's note as a first step in the grievance process under its rules and regulations, and it considered the matter closed.

Pursuant to the SLA's rules and regulations, a vendor is ineligible to apply for operation of another vending facility if there is an outstanding closing inventory balance.

Mr. Brown requested and received a State fair hearing on the issue of his removal from the ODNR vending facility and the termination of his operator's agreement. The hearing officer affirmed the SLA's decision to remove complainant and to terminate his operator's agreement. It was that decision that Mr. Brown sought to have reviewed by a Federal arbitration panel. A hearing was held on October 31, 1997.

### Arbitration Panel Decision

The issues before the arbitrator panel were whether the actions by the SLA to remove Mr. Brown from managing his vending facility and to terminate his operator's agreement were in accordance with the Act, implementing regulations, and State rules and regulations.

Regarding the issues of removal of complainant from his vending facility and termination of his operator's

agreement, the panel was unanimous in finding that, given the unique facts and circumstances of the matter, the SLA's actions were improper. The panel concluded that, while complainant was not blameless in the matter, Mr. Brown had not abandoned his facility and so completely abrogated his duties as to merit removal and termination of his operator's agreement. The panel ruled that complainant should be reinstated to the first available vending facility in the Columbus, Ohio area, which is defined as Franklin County, Ohio. The panel declined to award Mr. Brown any monetary damages.

The panel directed the SLA to immediately begin the grievance process permitting Mr. Brown to contest the closing inventory amount. The arbitration panel further directed that the closing inventory issue be resolved *before* Mr. Brown is reinstated to a vending facility in compliance with the panel's decision and award.

The views and opinions expressed by the panel do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the U.S. Department of Education.

Dated: August 6, 1998.

**Judith E. Heumann,**

*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-366-000]

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

August 5, 1998.

Take notice that on July 31, 1998, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, the following tariff sheets to become effective September 1, 1998:

*Second Revised Volume No. 1*

Twenty-Third Revised Sheet No. 17

*Original Volume No. 2*

Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 14

ANR states that the above-referenced tariff sheets are being filed to eliminate the Volumetric Buyout Buydown Surcharge filed in Docket No. RP96-328-000 due to the expiration of such surcharge.

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, NE., Washington, DC 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.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-346-002]

#### Carnegie Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

August 5, 1998.

Take notice that on July 31, 1998, Carnegie Interstate Pipeline Company (CIPCO), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet, to be effective August 1, 1998.

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 146

CIPCO States that this filing is being made in compliance with Commission Order No. 587-G, issued by the Commission on April 16, 1998 and with the Commission's July 27, 1998 Letter Order in this docket. Through this filing, CIPCO adopts by reference Version 1.2 of the GISB standards. CIPCO requests waiver of section 154.207 of the Commission's regulations to permit the tariff sheet to become effective on August 1, 1998.

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. 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 Reference Room.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-251-003]

#### Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

August 6, 1998.

Take Notice that on August 3, 1998, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Fifth Revised Sheet No. 246 and Fifth Revised Sheet No. 247 to be effective August 1, 1998.

CIG states that the purposes of this compliance filing is to revise tariff sheets to incorporate GISB Standard 5.3.30 as required in the Order that issued July 20, 1998 in Docket No. RP98-251-000.

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 Reference Room.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-689-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

August 5, 1998.

Take notice that on July 23, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway,

Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146 filed in Docket No. CP98-689-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to modify an existing point of delivery to Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., (CPA) in Washington County, Pennsylvania to reassign and reduce the Maximum Daily Delivery Obligations (MDDOs) at another existing point to CPA, under Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000<sup>1</sup> 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.

Columbia requests authorization to modify an existing point of delivery for firm transportation service and will provide the service pursuant to Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP96-240-000<sup>2</sup> under existing rate schedules and within certificated entitlements.

The modification of the existing point of delivery has been requested by CPA for additional firm transportation service for residential and commercial customers. CPA has not requested an increase in its total firm entitlement in conjunction with this request to modify this existing point of delivery. As part of the firm transportation service to be provided, CPA has requested that its existing SST Agreement with Columbia be amended by reducing the MDDO's at the existing Goat Hill point of delivery by 659 Dth/day and adding 659 Dth/day to the modified point of delivery which currently lists 66 Dth/day under Columbia's existing SST Rate Schedule. The estimated cost to modify the existing point of delivery is approximately \$22,222.00. CPA will reimburse Columbia 100% of the actual total cost of the modification.

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 (18 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

<sup>1</sup> Columbia Gas Transmission Corp., 22 FERC ¶ 62,029 (1983).

<sup>2</sup> Columbia Gas Transmission Corp., 34 FERC ¶ 62,454 (1986).