

*Abstract:* The NAEP, known as the Nation's Report Card, is the only national representative assessment of student achievement. It collects nationally comparable assessment results which are linked to student's background characteristics, characteristics of schools and teachers. This clearance request is clearance for the 1997 field test and for the 1998 full scale study which will focus on achievement in reading, writing, and civics. In the arts, the small scale but nationally representative sample of eighth grade students will be assessed using materials which were tested in the 1995 field testing.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. GT96-86-000]

**Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Refund Report**

August 1, 1996

Take notice that on July 29, 1996, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing a report of pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (C) of the Commission's February 22, 1996 order in Gas Research Institute (GRI), Docket No. RP95-124-000.

Algonquin states that on June 28, 1996, Algonquin received its share of the GRI refund totalling \$760,140.00.

Algonquin states that on July 12, 1996, each eligible firm customers was credited their pro rata share of the GRI refund and will be reflected on their August 7, 1996 invoice for business on Algonquin during the month of July 1996.

Algonquin states that copies of the refund report has been served upon each of its affected customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or 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 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before August 8, 1996. 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 Transco's filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,  
*Acting Secretary.*  
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[Docket No. TM96-3-48-000]

**ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Informal Technical Conference**

August 2, 1996.

On March 1, 1996, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing Fifth Revised Sheet No. 19, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 92, and Original Sheet No. 92A of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, to be effective April 1, 1996. The purpose of this filing, according to ANR, is to comply with the annual redetermination of the levels of ANR's Transporters Use (%) as required by ANR's currently effective tariff. The result of this redetermination is an overall increase in the fuel use percentages that comprise ANR's fuel matrix applicable to transportation service on its transmission facilities. On March 28, 1996, the Commission issued a letter order which required ANR to submit certain workpapers and reconciliations of data supporting its filing. On April 29, 1996, ANR submitted the requested information.

Upon review of the information submitted by ANR, on June 28, 1996, Staff requested certain additional information. By letter dated July 12, 1996, ANR responded to Staff's data request.

Upon review of the filing herein and the additional information submitted by ANR, the Staff has determined that it will hold an informal technical conference on this matter. In addition, several other parties have requested such a conference. A technical conference will therefore be held at 1:30 p.m., August 14, 1996, at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., in Room 3M-2A. The parties should be prepared to support their conclusions with specific references to the work papers and information that have been provided to the Commission. Questions about this conference should be directed

to Harris Wood, (202) 208-0224, or Louis Lieb (202) 208-0012.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,  
*Acting Secretary.*  
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[Docket No. CP96-668-000]

**Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order and Application for Certificate**

August 1, 1996.

Take notice that on July 26, 1996, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, SE., Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273, filed in Docket No. CP96-668-000 a petition pursuant to Section 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Rule 207(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.207(a)(2)), requesting that the Commission issue an order declaring that certain existing facilities now functionalized as gathering facilities should be refunctionalized as transmission facilities. Columbia's filing also is an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the NGA for a certificate to operate the facilities as jurisdictional transmission facilities, all as more fully set forth in the petition and application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia states that, in a related application filed in Docket No. CP96-386-000 on April 29, 1996, to spin-down certain of its gathering facilities to Columbia Natural Resources, Inc. (CNR), it mentioned that it would be filing the instant petition to refunctionalize certain gathering facilities to transmission. Columbia advises that some of these facilities are located between facilities to be sold to CNR and Columbia's transmission facilities. Columbia comments that such refunctionalization would eliminate the possibility that a shipper would pay gathering charges to both CNR and Columbia if, prior to the proposed abandonment, only one such gathering charge would have been paid.

Further, Columbia states that, since the following facilities for which it seeks refunctionalization would serve a transmission function, Columbia is requesting that they be certificated as jurisdictional transmission facilities:

Complete pipeline	Partial pipeline	Measuring station	Regulator station	Compressor station
B-26 .....	V-2 .....	804441	7470	Inez.

Complete pipeline	Partial pipeline	Measuring station	Regulator station	Compressor station
B-29 .....	V-36 .....	804127		
B-125 .....	P-28 .....	802859		
B-131 .....	V-42 .....	802928		
B-48 .....	PW-4534 .....	802938		
N-21 .....	PW-4645 .....	805981		
B-18 Loop .....	PW-4661			
P-118				
P-137				

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition and application should on or before August 22, 1996, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 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. 214 or 385.211) 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 Federal Energy Regulatory 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 the 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 a grant of the certificate is 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 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 Columbia to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,  
Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP95-408-011]

**Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

August 1, 1996.

Take notice that on July 29, 1996, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1 the following changes to its FERC Gas Tariff effective June 6, 1996.

Substitute Third Revised Sheet No. 374

On June 5, 1996, Columbia filed revised tariff sheets to comply with the Commission's Order on Rearing issued May 21, 1996 in docket No. RP95-408-009. The Commission issued a letter order on July 19, 1996 (Letter Order) accepting the revised tariff sheets effective June 6, 1996, subject to certain conditions. The Letter Order required additional modifications to the tariff language of Section 16.5(h) of the General Terms and Conditions of Columbia's tariff to assure compliance with the Commission's May 21, 1996 Order on Rehearing. The instant filing revises Section 16.5(h) to comply with the Letter Order.

Any person desiring to protest said 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 appropriation action to be taken, but will not serve to make 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,  
Acting Secretary.

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[Docket Nos. TQ96-8-23-000 and TM96-13-23-000]

**Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

August 1, 1996.

Take notice that on July 30, 1996 Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (ESNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, certain revised tariff sheets in the above captioned dockets, with a proposed effective date of August 1, 1996.

ESNG states that the revised tariff sheets included herein are being filed pursuant to Section 23 of the General Terms and Conditions of ESNG's Gas Tariff to reflect changes in ESNG's jurisdictional rates. The effective sales rates set forth herein reflect a decrease of \$1.5746 per dt in the Demand Charge as measured against the corresponding rates in Docket No. TQ96-7-23-000, et. al., a regularly scheduled Quarterly PGA filed on July 2, 1996 for rates proposed to be effective August 1, 1996.

ESNG states that the instant filing also tracks rates attributable to storage services purchased from Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco). The tracking portion of this filing is being made pursuant to Section 24 of the General Terms and Conditions of ESNG's FERC Gas Tariff.

ESNG states that copies of the filing have been served upon its jurisdictional 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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rule 211 and Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR Section 385.211 and Section 385.214). 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