

Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet(s) to be effective August 1, 1998:

Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 103A

TCP is making this filing pursuant to the Commission's Letter Order dated July 27, 1998 in Docket Nos. RP98-306-000, 001 and 002.

TCP states that copies of the filing were served upon all affected firm customers of TCP and applicable state agencies.

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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-344-002]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

August 12, 1998.

Take notice on August 7, 1998, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing Substitute Fifth Revised Sheet No. 349 to its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1. The proposed effective date of such tariff sheet is August 1, 1998.

Transco states that the purpose of the instant filing is to comply with the Commission's order issued July 24, 1998 in the referenced docket. The July 24, 1998 order addressed Transco's submission of tariff sheets to incorporate Version 1.2 of the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) standards into its tariff and required Transco to file revised tariff sheets to rectify certain exceptions enumerated in the July 24, 1998 order.

Transco is serving copies of the instant filing to customers, State

Commissions and other interested parties. In accordance with the provisions of Section 154.2(d) of the Commission's Regulations, copies of this filing are available for public inspection, during regular business hours, in a convenient form and place at Transco's main offices at 2800 Post Oak Boulevard in Houston, Texas.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Loveland Area Projects—Notice of Proposed Extension of the Firm Electric Service Rate Order No. WAPA-82

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Extension of Firm Electric Service Rate.

SUMMARY: This action is a proposal to extend the existing Loveland Area Projects (LAP) firm electric service rate, Rate Order No. WAPA-51, through January 31, 2001. The existing firm electric service rate will expire January 31, 1999. This notice of proposed extension of a rate is issued pursuant to 10 CFR Part 903.23(a)(1). In accordance with 10 CFR Part 903.23(a)(2) Western will not have a consultation and comment period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Daniel T. Payton, Rates Manager, Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 3700, Loveland, CO 80539-3003, (970) 490-7442, or e-mail (dpayton@wapa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Amendment No. 3 to Delegation Order No. 0204-108, published November 10, 1993 (58 FR 59716), the Secretary of

Energy delegated (1) the authority to develop long-term power and transmission rates on a nonexclusive basis to the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration (Western); (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis, to remand, or to disapprove such rates to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Pursuant to Delegation Order No. 0204-108 and existing Department of Energy procedures for public participation in firm electric service rate adjustments at 10 CFR Part 903, Western's LAP firm electric service rate was submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on January 10, 1994. On July 14, 1994, in Docket No. EF94-5181-000 at 68 FERC ¶ 62,040, FERC issued an order confirming, approving, and placing into effect on a final basis the firm electric service rate for the LAP. The LAP consists of the Fryingspan-Arkansas Project and the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Western Division. The rate, Rate Order No. WAPA-51, was approved for a 5-year period beginning February 1, 1994, and ending January 31, 1999.

On January 31, 1999, the LAP firm electric service rate will expire. This makes it necessary to extend the current rate pursuant to 10 CFR Part 903. Upon its approval, Rate Order No. WAPA-51 will be extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-82.

Western proposes to extend the existing rate of \$2.85/kilowattmonth for capacity and the rate of 10.85 mills/kilowatthour for energy which are sufficient to recover project expenses (including interest) and capital requirements through January 31, 2001. Increased revenue from good hydrologic conditions and lower operation and maintenance expenses over the cost evaluation period have made this possible. For the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, the ratesetting study projected the deficit to peak at \$178 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 1994 and to be repaid in FY 2002. The deficit actually peaked at \$171 million in FY 1993 and was totally repaid in FY 1997. The Fryingspan-Arkansas Project recorded its first principal payment of \$2.8 million on the investment in FY 1996. In FY 1997, the principal payment for this project was \$2.9 million. No principal payments were projected during this time period in Docket No. EF94-5181-000. The total revenue requirement of \$44.3 million is sufficient to cover the expenses and