

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,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 98-6034 Filed 3-9-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM98-2-21-000]

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

March 4, 1998.

Take notice that on February 27, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet with a proposed effective date of April 1, 1998:

Sixth Revised Sheet No. 44

Columbia states that it submits its annual filing pursuant to the provisions of Section 35, "Retainage Adjustment Mechanism (RAM)", of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) of its Tariff. Sixth Revised Sheet No. 44 sets forth the retainage factors applicable to Columbia's transportation, storage, processing and gathering services, as revised by this filing.

GTC Section 35.2 requires Columbia to adjust its retainage percentages annually. GTC Section 35.4 provides that the retainage percentages consist of a current and an over/under recovered component. Pursuant to GTC Section 35.4(a), the current component reflects the estimate of total company-use, lost, and unaccounted-for quantities required during the 12-month period commencing, in an annual filing such as this, on April 1. The over/under recovered component, as described in GTC Section 35.4(b), reflects the reconciliation of "actual" company-use, lost, and unaccounted-for quantities with quantities actually retained by Columbia for the preceding calendar year; i.e., the deferral period. The changes in the retainage percentage applicable to Columbia's transportation, storage, processing and gathering services are set forth at Appendix A, page 1.

Pursuant to Article III, Section I, (5) of the Stipulation and Agreement (Stipulation II) at Docket No. RP95-408

et al., Columbia is including a fixed annual quantity of 650,000 Dth within the calculation of the current component of the transportation retainage factor, which amount is to be retained and provided to MarkWest.

Columbia states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all firm customers, interruptible customers, and affected state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or 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 proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

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

[FR Doc. 98-6035 Filed 3-9-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM98-2-70-000]

#### Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 4, 1998.

Take notice that on February 27, 1998, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, with a proposed effective date of April 1, 1998:

Eighteenth Revised Sheet No. 018

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 018A

Nineteenth Revised Sheet No. 019

Columbia Gulf states that this filing represents Columbia Gulf's annual filing pursuant to the provisions of Section 33, "Transportation Retainage Adjustment (TRA)", of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) of its Tariff.

Columbia Gulf states that the tariff sheets listed above set forth the transportation retainage factors as a result of this filing. GTC Section 33.2 enables Columbia Gulf to state retainage factors for its rate zones, which factors consist of a current and an over/under

recovered component. Pursuant to GTC Section 33.4(a), the current component reflects the estimate of total company-use, lost, and unaccounted-for quantities required during the 12-month period commencing, in an annual filing such as this, on April 1. Pursuant to GTC Section 33.4(b) the over/under recovered component reflects the reconciliation of "actual" company-use, lost, and unaccounted-for quantities with quantities actually retained by Columbia Gulf for the preceding calendar year; i.e., the deferral period.

The deferral period for this annual filing is the preceding calendar year being January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997. Appendix A, pages 5 and 6, set forth Columbia Gulf's actual experience during the deferral period. As reflected therein, Columbia Gulf was in a net over-recovery position as of December 31, 1997. Consequently, in this filing Columbia Gulf is implementing an over/under recovered surcharge component for each of the retainage factors to decrease future quantities to be retained.

Columbia Gulf states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all firm customers, interruptible customers, and affected state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or 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 proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

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

[FR Doc. 98-6038 Filed 3-9-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM98-2-127-000]

#### Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 4, 1998.

Take notice that on February 27, 1998, Cove Point Limited Partnership (Cove

Point) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1 the following tariff sheet to become effective April 1, 1998.

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 7

Cove Point states that the listed tariff sheet sets forth the restatement and adjustment to its retainage percentages, pursuant to the Section 1.37 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1.

Cove Point states that copies of the filing were served upon Cove Point's affected 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 Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests should be filed in accordance with 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.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 98-6040 Filed 3-9-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-252-000]

#### Duke Energy Field Services, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

March 4, 1998.

Take notice that on February 25, 1998, Duke Energy Field Services, Inc. (Duke), 370 17th Street, Suite 900, Denver, Colorado 80202, filed a petition under Rule 207 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, for an order declaring that upon the completion of the acquisition, ownership, and operation of the natural gas storage field, base gas, injection, withdrawal, and observation wells, compression, gathering systems, and related facilities currently owned by Richfield Gas Storage System (Richfield), an affiliate of Duke, that such facilities acquired by

Duke and the services provided through such facilities will not be subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Richfield has concurrently filed an application, in Docket No. CP98-254-000, seeking authority pursuant to Section 7(b) of the NGA to abandon the facilities sought to be acquired by Duke and which are the subject of this Petition.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 11, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a petition 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 petition to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 98-6052 Filed 3-9-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-287-015]

#### El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 4, 1998.

Take notice that on February 27, 1998, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1-A, the following tariff sheet, to become effective February 1, 1998:

Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 30

El Paso states that the above tariff sheet is being filed to implement four negotiated rate contracts pursuant to the Commission's Statement of Policy on Alternatives to Traditional Cost-of-Service Ratemaking for Natural Gas Pipelines and Regulation of Negotiated Transportation Services of Natural Gas

Pipelines issued January 31, 1996 at Docket Nos. RM95-6-000 and RM96-7-000.

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. All such protests should be filed in accordance with 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 98-6059 Filed 3-9-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-241-000]

#### Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

March 4, 1998.

Take notice that on February 18, 1998, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), 1400 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP98-241-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for permission and approval to abandon two gas transportation services, known as FGT's Rate Schedules X-16 and X-21, under which FGT used to provide service for Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) and open to public inspection.

FGT stated that by letter agreements, signed by FGT on August 22, 1996 and accepted by Transco in December, 1997, FGT and Transco agreed to terminate two gas transportation service agreements designated in FGT's Original Volume No. 3 of its FERC Gas Tariff as Rate Schedules X-16 and X-21. FGT reported that under Rate Schedule X-16, FGT would receive and transport up to 2,000 MMBtu of gas per day from Chamber County, Texas and deliver an equivalent quantity of gas to Transco in Vermillion Parish, Louisiana. FGT further reported that under Rate Schedule X-21, FGT would receive and transport up to 3,500 MMBtu of gas per