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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM97-2-48-003]

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

February 5, 1998.

Take notice that on February 2, 1998, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet proposed to become effective January 1, 1998:

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 92

ANR states that the above-referenced tariff sheet is being filed in compliance with the Commission's order dated December 31, 1997, in the referenced proceeding to revise § 1.68 of the

1998—first year	\$14,699 - 2,205=	\$12,494
1999—second year	12,494 - 1,874=	10,620
2000—third year	10,620 - 1,593=	9,027
2001—fourth year	9,027 - 1,354=	7,673
2002—fifth year	7,673 - 1,151=	6,522
5-year Average Income		\$46,336

From this, Bowers derives an average monthly net income of \$3,862 [$\$46,336 \div 12 = \$3,862$]. Bowers then multiplies its projected \$3,862 in average monthly net income by 60 months to derive a 5-year estimated income of \$231,720 [$\$3,862 \times 60 = \$231,720$]. From this figure, Bowers subtracts \$41,346 that it attributes to the anticipated plugging of seven (7) of the 10 wells during the 5-year refund period. According to Bowers, this leaves it with an estimated net profit from the subject leases (over the next five years) of just \$190,374

¹ 15 U.S.C. 3142(c) (1982).

General Terms & Conditions of its tariff to specify that, for a two-year trial period, the determination of ANR's Transporter's Use (%) as reflected in the fuel matrix in its tariff will be based upon transactional throughput determinants.

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 § 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in § 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-1-000]

Bowers Drilling Company, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

February 5, 1998.

Take notice that on February 4, 1998, Bowers Drilling Company, Inc. (Bowers)

[$\$231,720 - \$41,346 = \$190,374$]. From this, Bowers concludes that \$69,329 will remain as an unrecovered balance after the five years have elapsed [$\$259,703 - \$190,374 = (\$69,329)$].

Bowers also bases its request for relief from its Kansas ad valorem tax refund obligation on a March 17, 1992 take-or-pay settlement with Williams Natural Gas Company (Williams), wherein (according to Bowers) it negotiated a mutual release with Williams, from all claims regarding its contracts with Williams, for all periods prior to 1992,

² See 80 FERC ¶61,264 (1997); order denying reh'g issued January 28, 1998, 82 FERC ¶61,058 (1998).

filed a petition for adjustment under section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA),¹ requesting to be relieved of its obligation to pay Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, as required by the Commission's September 10, 1997 order in Docket Nos. GP97-3-000, GP97-4-000, GP97-5-000, and RP97-369-000.² Bowers' petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The Commission's September 10 order on remand from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals³ directed first sellers under the NGPA to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988. The Commission's September 10 order also provided that first sellers could, with the Commission's prior approval, amortize their Kansas ad valorem tax refunds over a 5-year period, although interest would continue to accrue on any outstanding balance.

Bowers asserts that its financial status cannot absorb the \$259,703 charge that it has been assessed, even if the refund were amortized over a 5-year period.

Bowers bases its claim, in part, on an estimate of its net profit over the next five years from the wells located on the leases that Bowers contends are subject to the Kansas ad valorem tax refunds. Using its average 1997 net profit of \$14,699 from those 10 wells, Bowers projects its average income over the next five years, using a 15 percent per year decline, to be \$46,336 (see below).

including any Federal Energy Regulatory Commission claims arising out of, or in conjunction with, or relating to its contracts with Williams. In view of this, Bowers contends that granting the requested adjustment relief is warranted because the Kansas ad valorem tax refund is a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission claim.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the

³ *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*, 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. 1996), cert. denied, Nos. 96-954 and 96-1230 (65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754, May 12, 1997) (Public Service).

Federal Register of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 384.214, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER95-1586-004]

Citizens Utilities Company; Notice of Filing

February 5, 1998.

Take notice that on January 23, 1998, Citizens Utilities Company (Citizens), tendered for filing copies of corrected tariff sheet No. 146A of the Open Access Transmission Tariff of the Vermont Electric Division of Citizens.

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 Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before February 18, 1998. 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-204-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

February 5, 1998.

Take notice that on January 27, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, filed in Docket No. CP98-204-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.216) for authorization to abandon two points of delivery to Commonwealth Gas Services, Inc. (COS) in Isle of Wight and City of Chesapeake Counties, Virginia. Under Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000 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 states that the measurement and regulation facilities at this point of delivery has not been used for deliveries since 1989 and 1990, and services provided to customers through this delivery point have since been either discontinued or reconnected to other existing distribution systems.

Columbia states that the proposed activity is not prohibited by its existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to accommodate the proposed abandonment without detriment or disadvantage to Columbia's other customers.

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 within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for

authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-209-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

February 5, 1998.

Take notice that on January 28, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, filed in Docket No. CP98-209-000, a request, pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205 and 157.211), for authorization to construct and operate a new point of delivery to Commonwealth Gas Services, Inc. (COS) in Goochland County, Virginia, and to reassign and reduce the maximum daily delivery obligation (MDDOs) at another existing point to COS, under Columbia's blanket certificate authorization issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia proposes to construct and operate a new point of delivery to COS which will consist of installing two 4-inch taps, filter separator, meter settings and electronic measurement facilities in Goochland County, Virginia, known as the proposed West Creek delivery point. Columbia says COS has requested the new delivery point for additional firm transportation service for residential, commercial, and industrial service. Columbia asserts that COS has not requested an increase in its total firm entitlement; therefore, there is no impact on Columbia's existing peak day obligations to its other customers as a result of this new point of delivery.

Columbia relates that the total cost of the project will be approximately \$127,300. Columbia says the facilities on Line VM-108 will cost approximately \$118,800, which COS will reimburse to Columbia. In addition, Columbia will install a backup tap on nearby adjacent Line VM-109 to provide Columbia and COS with increased flexibility and operational security at a cost of \$8,500. Columbia will pay for the backup tap.