

customers on July 10, 1999, of refunds it received from the Gas Research Institute (GRI) on May 28, 1999.

Columbia states that it made the refunds by crediting its customers' invoices on July 10, 1999.

Columbia states that a copy of this report is being provided to all recipients of a share of the refund and all state commissions whose jurisdiction includes the location of any recipient of a refund.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said 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 or 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before August 4, 1999. 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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-586-000]

#### Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Application

July 28, 1999.

Take notice that on July 21, 1999, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf) 2603 Augusta, Suite 125, Houston, Texas 77057-5637, filed in Docket No. CP99-586-000, an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, for authorization to construct and operate a connection of its Line 300 under the Tennessee River in Hardin County, Tennessee, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The application may be viewed on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us). Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Specifically, Columbia Gulf seeks authorization to construct, operate and

maintains to install approximately 2,085 feet of new 36-inch diameter pipeline to complete the connection of its Line 300 under the Tennessee River, which will enhance overall system reliability by providing an additional crossing with its Lines 100 and 200. It is stated that Columbia Gulf estimates the cost of construction at \$4,000,000.00. Columbia Gulf requests Commission approval of the application by April 1, 2000 so that construction can begin on May 1, 2000.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Stephen R. Melton at (713) 267-4745, Lee M. Beckett at (713) 267-4741, James W. Hart, Jr., at (713) 267-4159, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company, 2603 Augusta, Suite 125, Houston, Texas 77057-5637 or Larry L. Willeke at (202) 216-9764, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company, 10 G Street, NE, Suite 580, Washington, DC 20002.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before August 18, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, 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 this 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 permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are 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 Gulf to appear or be represented at the hearing.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER99-2402-000 and ER99-2403-000]

#### Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation; Filing

July 28, 1999.

Take notice that on July 2, 1999, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (Niagara Mohawk), tendered for filing a request to withdraw its proposed amendments to Rate Schedule Nos. 164 and 165, filed with the Commission on April 6, 1999, in the above-referenced dockets.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 and protests should be filed on or before August 6, 1999. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any persons 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR99-18-000]

#### Northern Illinois Gas Company; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

July 28, 1999.

Take notice that on July 15, 1999, Northern Illinois Gas Company, as Nicor Gas Company (Nicor) filed a petition for

approval of new and revised rates pursuant to section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations, and a July 18, 1997, Commission letter order in Docket Nos. PR96-13-000, *et al.* The 1997 letter order approved settlement rates for Nicor's (then Northern Illinois Gas Company, as NI-Gas) firm and interruptible storage services, as well as interruptible transportation service, requiring a filing by July 15, 1999, restate such rates or propose new rates for such services.

Accordingly, Nicor requests that the Commission approve as fair and equitable (a) a maximum rate for interruptible transportation service of \$0.0804 per MMBtu, (b) a maximum rate for interruptible storage service of \$0.0946 per MMBtu/d, and (c) maximum rates for firm storage service of \$1.4393 per MMBtu for the monthly deliverability charge, \$0.0262 per MMBtu for the monthly capacity charge, and injection and withdrawal rates designed to recover only fuel costs.

In addition, Nicor proposes (a) a maximum reservation rate for new firm transportation service of \$2.4465 per MMBtu, and a maximum commodity rate for such service designed to recover only fuel costs, and (b) a maximum daily rate of \$0.1750 for new parking and loaning service. Finally, Nicor requests that it be permitted to implement negotiated rates for its Part 284 services. All rates are requested to be effective July 15, 1999.

Nicor states that it is an intrastate gas distribution public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Illinois Commerce Commission under the Illinois Public Utilities Act and that it was issued a blanket certificate under section 284.224 in Docket No. CP92-481. Nicor also notes that, simultaneously with its petition for rate approval herein, it is filing in Docket No. CP92-481 a revised Operating Statement adding the terms and conditions of its proposed new firm transportation service, parking and loaning service, and negotiated rates program.

Pursuant to Section 284.123(b)(2)(ii), if the Commission does not act within 150 days of the filing date, the proposed rates will be deemed fair and equitable. The Commission may, prior to the expiration of the 150-day period, extend the time for action or institute a proceeding to afford parties an opportunity for written comments and for the oral presentations of views, data, and arguments.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding must file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC

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 motions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before August 10, 1999. The petition for rate approval is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-424-001]

#### Texas-Ohio Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

July 28, 1999.

Take notice that on July 22, 1999, Texas-Ohio Pipeline, Inc., (Texas-Ohio) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, a First Revised Sheet No. 54C, with an effective date of August 1, 1999.

Texas-Ohio states that the purpose of this filing is to correct a pagination error in its filing that was made on July 2, 1999 in Docket No. RP99-424-000.

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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-3163-000 and Docket No. EL99-78-000]

#### UtiliCorp United, Inc.; Initiation of Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

July 29, 1999.

Take notice that on July 28, 1999, the Commission issued an order in the above-indicated dockets initiating a proceeding in Docket No. EL99-78-000 under section 206 of the Federal Power Act.

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL99-78-000 will be 60 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG99-198-000, et al.]

#### Consolidated Edison Energy Massachusetts, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

July 22, 1999.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

##### 1. Consolidated Edison Energy Massachusetts, Inc.

[Docket No. EG99-198-000]

Take notice that on July 19, 1999, Consolidated Edison Energy Massachusetts, Inc. tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, an Application for Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

*Comment date:* August 12, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

##### 2. PP&L Montana, LLC

[Docket No. EL99-79-000]

Take notice that on July 19, 1999, PP&L Montana, LLC (Applicant) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission a petition for declaratory order disclaiming jurisdiction and for an order reconfirming a prior order and request for expedited consideration.