the Energy Policy Act" (OMB No. 1902–0170) (PL93–3) is used by the Commission to implement the Statutory provisions of the Sections 211 and 213 of the Federal Power Act (EPA), 16 U.S.C. 824j, 8251 as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102–486) 106 Stat. 2776. Under Section 211, the Commission may order transmission service if it finds that such action would be in the public interest and would not unreasonable impair the continued reliability of systems affected by the order. No order may be issued unless the applicant has made a request for

transmission services to the transmitting utility that would be the subject of such order at least 60 days prior to filing the application with the Commission.

Section 213(a) requires a response by the transmitting utility. Unless the transmitting utility accommodates the request on mutually agreeable terms, it shall, within 60 days of receipt of the request, or other mutually agreed upon period, provide such applicant with a detailed written explanation of the basis for the transmitting utility's proposed rates, charges, terms and conditions for such services, as well as any physical

constraints which would affect such service. The information is not filed with the Commission, however, the request and response may be analyzed as part of a Section 211 proceeding. The Commision implements these requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR 2.20.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burder for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)×(2)×(3)
20	1	200	4,000

Estimated cost burden to respondents: $4,000 \text{ hours}/2,087 \text{ hours per year} \times $102,000 \text{ per year} = $195,495.$

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate fo the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used: (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology *e.g.* permitting electronic submission of responses.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP95-408-000 and RP95-408-001]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

July 26, 1996.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference in this proceeding will be convened on Thursday, August 1, 1996 and Friday August 2, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. The settlement conference will be held at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC, 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the abovereferenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant, as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the

Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, contact Thomas J. Burgess at 208–2058 or David R. Cain at 208–0917.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. GT96-79-000]

Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Refund Report

July 26, 1996.

Take notice that on July 24, 1996, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) tendered for filing a Report of Gas Research Institute Tier 1 Refunds for 1995 calendar year overpayments. Great Lakes states that the refund report is being filed in accordance with the Commission's Order issued February 22, 1995 in Docket No. RP95–124–000 (70 FERC ¶61,205).

Great Lakes states that a refund amount of \$219,707 was received from GRI on June 28, 1996. Great Lakes further states this amount was subsequently refunded to eligible firm transportation customers on a pro-rata basis. Great Lakes states that the report filed reflects the GRI refund amounts allocated to each eligible firm transportation customers for the 1995 calendar year.

Great Lakes states that a copy of the filing is being served upon each of Great Lakes' firm customers and the Public Service Commissions of the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, and the Gas Research Institute.

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 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 must be filed on or before August 2, 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 this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-209-001]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Filing

July 26, 1996.

Take notice that on July 2, 1996, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch Gateway) submitted for filing supplemental information related to its Cash-in/Cash-out Report filed on April 11, 1996 (Report). This information is being filed pursuant to the Commission's June 17, 1996, Order on Cash-in/Cash-out Report. Koch Gateway has included a narrative to its Report and the workpapers which support and clarify the original filing. This additional information addresses the questions raised by the parties and provides an additional basis upon which the Commission can conduct a more detailed analysis of the filing.

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 regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before August 1, 1996. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. PR96-13-000]

Northern Illinois Gas Company; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

July 26, 1996.

Take notice that on July 15, 1996, Northern Illinois Gas Company, (NI–Gas), filed pursuant to section 284.224 and 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations, a petition for rate approval requesting that the Commission approve the rates to be charged by NI–Gas in providing services under the blanket certificate issued to NI–Gas in Docket No. CP92–481–000.

NI-Gas proposes (a) to charge firm storage customers a two-part reservation rate, with a maximum monthly deliverability charge of \$1.0125 per MMBtu and a maximum monthly capacity charge of \$0.0225 per MMBtu, (b) to charge interruptible storage customers a maximum daily rate of \$0.0665 per MMBtu, (c) to charge interruptible transportation customers a maximum rate of \$0.0805 per MMBtu, and (d) to make various non-rate changes in its Operating Statement. NI-Gas also will continue to charge firm storage customers a fuel rate, based on the cost of gas.

NI–Gas states that it is an intrastate natural gas distribution utility that provides interstate interruptible transportation and storage services and interstate firm storage service on a non-discriminatory basis, pursuant to section 284.224 of the Commission's regulations. NI–Gas owns and operates a natural gas transmission, underground (aquifer) storage and distribution system network. NI–Gas proposes an effective date of July 15, 1996.

Pursuant to section 284.123(b)(2)(ii), if the Commission does not act within 150 days of the filing date, the rate will be deemed to be fair and equitable and not in excess of an amount which interstate pipelines would be permitted to charge for similar transportation service. 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 presentation of views, data, and arguments.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding must file a motion to intervene in accordance with sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures. All motions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before August 12, 1996. The petition for rate approval is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-651-000]

Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 26, 1996.

Take notice that on July 22, 1996, Southern Natural Gas Company (Applicant), P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202-2563, filed in Docket No. CP96-651-000 for approval under Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations to construct and operate, a delivery point in order to provide service to Cullman-Jefferson Counties Gas District (Cullman-Jefferson) under Applicant's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-406-000, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Applicant proposes this construction to provide transportation service to Cullman-Jefferson at a new delivery point. This new delivery point will allow Cullman-Jefferson to provide natural gas service to additional customers on its distribution system. Southern proposes to locate the delivery point near Mile Post 201.438 on its 24inch 2nd North Main Line in Jefferson County, Alabama. The estimated cost of the facility is \$265,700. Applicant states that gas will be delivered to the new delivery point under existing FT and IT Service Agreements. The Maximum Daily Delivery Quantity would be 9,000 Mcf per day.

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 § 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 therefore, 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