

Abstract: The NAEP, known as the Nation's Report Card, is the only national representative assessment of student achievement. It collects nationally comparable assessment results which are linked to student's background characteristics, characteristics of schools and teachers. This clearance request is clearance for the 1997 field test and for the 1998 full scale study which will focus on achievement in reading, writing, and civics. In the arts, the small scale but nationally representative sample of eighth grade students will be assessed using materials which were tested in the 1995 field testing.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT96-86-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Refund Report

August 1, 1996

Take notice that on July 29, 1996, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing a report of pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (C) of the Commission's February 22, 1996 order in Gas Research Institute (GRI), Docket No. RP95-124-000.

Algonquin states that on June 28, 1996, Algonquin received its share of the GRI refund totalling \$760,140.00.

Algonquin states that on July 12, 1996, each eligible firm customers was credited their pro rata share of the GRI refund and will be reflected on their August 7, 1996 invoice for business on Algonquin during the month of July 1996.

Algonquin states that copies of the refund report has been served upon each of its affected customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or 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 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before August 8, 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 Transco's filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.
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[Docket No. TM96-3-48-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Informal Technical Conference

August 2, 1996.

On March 1, 1996, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing Fifth Revised Sheet No. 19, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 92, and Original Sheet No. 92A of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, to be effective April 1, 1996. The purpose of this filing, according to ANR, is to comply with the annual redetermination of the levels of ANR's Transporters Use (%) as required by ANR's currently effective tariff. The result of this redetermination is an overall increase in the fuel use percentages that comprise ANR's fuel matrix applicable to transportation service on its transmission facilities. On March 28, 1996, the Commission issued a letter order which required ANR to submit certain workpapers and reconciliations of data supporting its filing. On April 29, 1996, ANR submitted the requested information.

Upon review of the information submitted by ANR, on June 28, 1996, Staff requested certain additional information. By letter dated July 12, 1996, ANR responded to Staff's data request.

Upon review of the filing herein and the additional information submitted by ANR, the Staff has determined that it will hold an informal technical conference on this matter. In addition, several other parties have requested such a conference. A technical conference will therefore be held at 1:30 p.m., August 14, 1996, at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., in Room 3M-2A. The parties should be prepared to support their conclusions with specific references to the work papers and information that have been provided to the Commission. Questions about this conference should be directed

to Harris Wood, (202) 208-0224, or Louis Lieb (202) 208-0012.

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Acting Secretary.
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[Docket No. CP96-668-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order and Application for Certificate

August 1, 1996.

Take notice that on July 26, 1996, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, SE., Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273, filed in Docket No. CP96-668-000 a petition pursuant to Section 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Rule 207(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.207(a)(2)), requesting that the Commission issue an order declaring that certain existing facilities now functionalized as gathering facilities should be refunctionalized as transmission facilities. Columbia's filing also is an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the NGA for a certificate to operate the facilities as jurisdictional transmission facilities, all as more fully set forth in the petition and application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia states that, in a related application filed in Docket No. CP96-386-000 on April 29, 1996, to spin-down certain of its gathering facilities to Columbia Natural Resources, Inc. (CNR), it mentioned that it would be filing the instant petition to refunctionalize certain gathering facilities to transmission. Columbia advises that some of these facilities are located between facilities to be sold to CNR and Columbia's transmission facilities. Columbia comments that such refunctionalization would eliminate the possibility that a shipper would pay gathering charges to both CNR and Columbia if, prior to the proposed abandonment, only one such gathering charge would have been paid.

Further, Columbia states that, since the following facilities for which it seeks refunctionalization would serve a transmission function, Columbia is requesting that they be certificated as jurisdictional transmission facilities:

Complete pipeline	Partial pipeline	Measuring station	Regulator station	Compressor station
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