

Financial Assistance is established under Section 491 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by Public Law 100-50 (20 U.S.C. 1098). The Advisory Committee is established to provide advice and counsel to the Congress and the Secretary of Education on student financial aid matters including providing technical expertise with regard to systems of need analysis and application forms, making recommendations that will result in the maintenance of access to postsecondary education for low- and middle-income students, conducting a study of institutional lending in the Stafford Student Loan Program and an in-depth study of student loan simplification. The Advisory Committee fulfills its charge by conducting objective, nonpartisan, and independent analyses of important student aid issues. As a result of passage of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1993, Congress assigned the Advisory Committee the major task of evaluating the Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (FDLP) and the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP). The Committee was directed to report to the Secretary and Congress on not less than an annual basis on the operation of both programs and submit a final report by January 1, 1997. The Committee submitted to Congress its final recommendations on the advisability of fully implementing the FDLP on December 11, 1996. The Advisory Committee has now focused its energies on activities related to reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1998.

The Advisory Committee will meet in Washington, D.C. on April 21, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. and on April 22, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m.

The proposed agenda includes (a) presentations and discussion sessions on budget proposals and congressional and other legislative proposals related to reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, in particular, access issues; (b) progress to date on the President's tax proposals; and (c) an update on the Department of Education's reauthorization initiatives including the delivery system; and (d) a planning session on the Committee's agenda for the remainder of fiscal year 1997, and other Committee business. Space is limited and you are encouraged to register early if you plan to attend. You may register through Internet at ADV_COMSFA@ED.gov or Tracy_Deanna_Jones@ED.gov. Please include your name, title, affiliation, complete address (including Internet and e-mail—if available), and telephone and fax numbers. If you are unable to

register through Internet, you may mail or fax your registration information to the Advisory Committee staff office at (202) 401-3467. Also, you may contact the Advisory Committee staff at (202) 708-7439. The registration deadline is Tuesday, April 15, 1997.

Records are kept of all Committee proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, 1280 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Suite 601, Washington, D.C. from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weekdays, except Federal holidays.

Dated: March 27, 1997.

Brian K. Fitzgerald,

Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-5-004]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

March 26, 1997.

Take notice that on March 24, 1997, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to be effective April 1, 1997:

Sub Original Sheet No. 639A
Sub Third Revised Sheet No. 650
Sub First Revised Sheet No. 651
Sub Original Sheet No. 656A
Sub Second Revised Sheet No. 659
Sub First Revised Sheet No. 660
Sub Second Revised Sheet No. 662
2 Sub First Revised Sheet No. 714

Algonquin asserts that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Order on Compliance Filings and Rehearing, issued March 13, 1997 in Docket Nos. RP97-5-001, RP97-5-002, and RP97-5-003.

Algonquin states that copies of this filing were served on firm customers of Algonquin, interested state commissions, current interruptible customers and all parties on the service list.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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 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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Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

March 26, 1997.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding on Thursday, April 3, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined in 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 Lorna J. Hadlock at (202) 208-0737, or Donald Williams at (202) 208-0743.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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Consolidated Water Power Company; Notice of Filing

March 26, 1997.

Take notice that on January 31, 1997, Consolidated Water Power Company tendered for filing a Notice of Withdrawal of its open access non-discriminatory transmission service tariff filing.

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 April 4, 1997. Protests will be