

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. ER97-1845-000]****CNG Retail Services Corporation; Notice of Issuance of Order**

April 22, 1997.

CNG Retail Services Corporation (CNG Services) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which CNG Services will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. CNG Services also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, CNG Services requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by CNG Services.

On April 1, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by CNG Services should file a motion to intervene or 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).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, CNG Services is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of CNG Services' issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is May 1, 1997. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's

Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**Lois D. Cashell,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. CP97-342-000]****Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

April 21, 1997.

Take notice that on April 14, 1997, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, SE., Charleston, West Virginia 25314-1599, filed in the above docket, a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (N.A.) (18 CFR 157.205, and 157.211) and Columbia's authorization in Docket No. CP83-76-000, for authorization to construct and operate the facilities necessary to establish ten additional points of delivery to existing customers for firm transportation service, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia states that the quantities to be provided through the new delivery point will be within Columbia's authorized level of services. Therefore, there is no impact on Columbia's existing design day and annual obligations to the customers as a result of the construction and operation of the new points of delivery for firm transportation service.

Columbia estimated that the cost to install the new taps to be approximately \$150 per tap and will be treated as an O&M expense. Columbia states that it will comply with all of the environmental requirements of Section 157.206(d) of the Commission's Regulations prior to the construction of any facilities.

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 Rules of Practice and Procedure (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 is deemed to be authorized

effective on 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.

**Lois D. Cashell,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. RP97-331-000]****Decatur Utilities, City of Decatur Alabama, and Huntsville Utilities City of Huntsville, Alabama v. Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Complaint and Petition for Waiver of Tariff Provisions**

April 21, 1997.

Take notice that on April 15, 1997, Decatur Utilities, City of Decatur, Alabama, and Huntsville Utilities, City of Huntsville, Alabama, (Decatur and Huntsville) tendered for filing a complaint against Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company (Alabama-Tennessee) and a motion for expedited injunctive relief, and a petition for waiver of tariff provisions, pursuant to Section 5 of the Natural Gas Act, Order No. 636-A, and Rules 206, 207, and 212 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Decatur and Huntsville submits their complaint against the unlawful abandonment of their firm transportation service with Alabama-Tennessee. Decatur and Huntsville also seek a limited waiver of the right-of-first refusal (ROFR) provisions of Alabama-Tennessee's FERC Gas Tariff. Decatur's and Huntsville's firm transportation contracts with Alabama-Tennessee expire on November 1, 1997, and April 1, 1998, respectively. Under the provisions of Alabama-Tennessee's FERC Gas Tariff, Section 3.14(e), Decatur and Huntsville expect Alabama-Tennessee to commence the ROFR process by posting the capacity under their expiring transportation contracts in May, 1997.

Decatur and Huntsville respectfully request the Commission to: (i) Find the abandonment of their firm transportation service from Alabama-Tennessee is unlawful under the circumstances presented; (ii) order that firm transportation services from Alabama-Tennessee to Decatur and