

Revised Sheet No. 271 to be effective September 26, 1997.

CIG states it is making this filing to comply with the Order No. 636-C (78 FERC ¶61,186) issued February 26, 1997 (Order). Specifically CIG states these sheets are filed to comply with ordering paragraph (B) of the Order which states "Within 180 days of the issuance of this order, any pipeline with a right of first refusal tariff provision containing a contract term cap longer than five years must revise its tariff consistent with the new cap adopted herein."

CIG further states that copies of this filing have been served on CIG's jurisdictional customers and public bodies and that the filing is available for public inspection at CIG's offices in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.214 and Section 385.211 of the Commission's Regulations. All such motions or 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. 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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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-488-000]

#### Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes In FERC Gas Tariff

September 3, 1997.

Take notice that on August 28, 1997, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Second Revised Sheet No. 325 to be effective September 30, 1997.

CIG states it is making this filing to modify Section 9.6 of the General Terms and Conditions of its tariff to allow it to increase the acceptable range of its "input factor" (BTU divided by the square root of specific gravity) to 6.2%

on a daily basis and to 7.8% on an hourly basis.

CIG further states its Watkins Station is a major pipeline junction on CIG's System and the point where gas from CIG's Northern, Central and Southern Systems, as well as gas from Fort Morgan Storage is blended. Air injection facilities were installed at Watkins Station for the thermal control required to maintain the input factor within the limit of plus or minus 6% to satisfy customer orifice requirements on CIG's Valley Line which supplies gas to the City of Denver, the City of Colorado Springs and other towns along Colorado's Front Range. Valley Line customers are also required to purchase certain low BTU gas on the southern part of CIG's System in order for CIG to meet the input factor conditions

CIG states that for the last several years it has been having an increasingly difficult time in meeting input factor requirements as the low Btu volumes are depleting on the southern part of its system.

CIG states it has had meetings with Valley Line customers over a long period of time to reach a consensus on the long term actions needing to be taken to meet orifice requirements on the Valley Line. As part of this process, and as a interim solution, CIG's customers have agreed to increase the limits to the input factor. Therefore, CIG is requesting herein to change the limit of the input factor to plus or minus 6.2% on a daily basis, and to plus or minus 7.8% on an hourly basis.

CIG further states that copies of this filing have been served on CIG's jurisdictional customers and public bodies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.214 and Section 385.211 of the Commission's Regulations. All such motions or 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. 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,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP96-140-006 and RP97-491-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

September 3, 1997.

Take notice that on August 29, 1997, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following original tariff sheets to become effective October 1, 1997:

Original Sheet No. 99M

Original Sheet No. 99N

Pursuant to the prior agreements of the parties following Columbia's first filing to recover Accrued-But-Not-Paid Gas Costs, this filing should be sub-docketed under the RP96-140 docket number.

Columbia states that the instant filing is being submitted pursuant to Article VII, Section C, Accrued-But-Not-Paid Gas Costs, of the "Customer Settlement" in Docket No. GP94-02, et al., approved by the Commission on June 15, 1995 (71 FERC ¶61,337 (1995)). The Customer Settlement became effective on November 28, 1995, when the Bankruptcy Court's November 1, 1995 order approving Columbia's Plan of Reorganization became final. Under the terms of Article VII, Section C, Columbia is entitled to recover amounts for Accrued-But-Not-Paid Gas Costs. As directed by Article VII, Section C, the tariff sheets contained herein are being filed in accordance with Section 39 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Tariff, to direct bill the Accrued-But-Not-Paid Gas Costs that have been paid subsequent to November 28, 1995. The instant filing reflects Accrued-But-Not-Paid Gas Costs in the amount of \$179,316.85 plus applicable FERC interest of \$3,324.29. This is Columbia's sixth filing pursuant to Article VII, Section C, and Columbia reserves the right to make the appropriate additional filings pursuant to that provision. The allocation factors on Appendix F of the Customer Settlement were used as prescribed by Article VII, Section C.