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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-234-002]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of refund report

May 21, 1998.

Take notice that on May 15, 1998, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing a report of refunds paid to customers.

ANR states that the refunds relate to ANR's Account No. 858 expenses for the period November 1, 1993 through April 30, 1994. The Commission ruled that ANR did not have tariff authority to track these expenses, and ANR recently withdrew its court appeal of the Commission's order. Accordingly, on April 15, 1998, ANR refunded to eligible customers \$4,181,224, consisting of principal amounts totaling \$3,446,417 and interest of \$734,807.

Any person desiring to protest this 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 Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before May 28, 1998. 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-546-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

May 21, 1998.

Take notice that on May 13, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 filed, in Docket No. CP98-546-000, an application pursuant to Sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations for an order permitting and approving the abandonment of Derricks Creek Storage Field, Kanawha County, West Virginia, and a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate storage pipeline, storage wells, and appurtenant facilities in Ripley Storage Field, Jackson County, West Virginia, as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Columbia requests authorization for the following:

- Abandonment of the Derricks Creek Storage Field in its entirety consisting of 13.1 miles of various size pipeline and 20 active storage wells located in Kanawha County, West Virginia.
- Replacement of working gas capacity and deliverability at the Ripley Storage Field by construction of approximately 3.5 miles of various size storage pipeline, drilling six new storage wells, and improving the deliverability of nine existing wells located in Jackson County, West Virginia.
- Abandonment by sale of up to 5.4 Bcf of base gas within the two storage fields. (4.4 Bcf at Derricks Creek and 1.0 Bcf at Ripley.)

Columbia proposes to invest \$7.3 million at the Ripley Storage Field in lieu of the work which would otherwise be required to maintain storage performance at Derricks Creek, which Columbia estimates would have been a minimum of \$10 million. Columbia estimates the cost of retiring Derricks Creek to be \$700,000. Columbia asserts that the reduction in working gas capacity and deliverability resulting from the abandonment of one storage field will be offset by the replacement activities proposed in an adjacent field. Columbia says there will be no new or expanded services or any net expansion of its storage capabilities.

Columbia says the disposition of proceeds from the proposed sale of the Derricks Creek and Ripley base gas will be made pursuant to Section C, Article

IV, of Stipulation II of the Settlement in Docket No. RP95-408 (79 FERC ¶ 61,044 (1997)). Columbia states it will comply with the annual reporting requirements provided for in Section D of Article IV.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before June 11, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) and the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. Any person wishing to become a party in any proceeding herein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.