

Texas Gas's jurisdictional customers, all parties on the Commission's official service list in this proceeding, interested states commissions, and the FERC Staff.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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 proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-170-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 3, 1998.

Take notice that on December 1, 1998, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, Third Revised Sheet No. 333 and First Revised Sheet No. 334. Such tariff sheets are proposed to be effective January 1, 1999.

On April 29, 1998, the Commission issued an Order (April 29 Order) in Docket Nos. RP97-149, RP97-391 and RM97 (not consolidated) approving the January 21, 1998 Stipulation and Agreement (S&A) filed by Gas Research Institute (GRI). As part of the S&A, signatory pipelines agreed to be fully voluntary collection agents for shippers who voluntarily choose to support GRI programs through a "check the box" approach on pipeline invoices. The invoice procedure, as stated in the S&A, will be described as a voluntary contribution mechanism in the General Terms and Conditions of the pipelines tariff and will allow customers to specify the level of contribution and the projects or project areas to be funded.

Transco states that the amounts collected pursuant to the "check the box" procedure will not be part of

pipeline rates and the Commission will not review or approve any such amounts or projects. As a signatory party to the S&A, the purpose of the instant filing is to include a Voluntary Contribution Mechanism provision, regarding GRI funding, in Transco's FERC Gas Tariff.

Transco states that copies of the filing are being mailed to affected customers and interested State Commissioners.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with 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 proceedings. 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.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP97-71-013 and RP97-312-006]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Refund Report

December 3, 1998.

Take notice that on November 30, 1998, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing a refund report showing that on October 30, 1998, Transco submitted refunds/surcharges (total principal and interest amount of \$86,423,659.21) to all affected shippers in Docket Nos. RP97-71 and RP97-312.

Transco states that on June 12, 1998, the Commission issued its "Order Approving and Clarifying Contested Settlement" which approved the Stipulation and Agreement (Agreement) filed January 20, 1998 in Docket Nos. RP97-71 and RP97-312. The Agreement resolved, among other things, Transco's cost of service (excluding rate of return), overall throughput level, and mix of throughput and certain cost allocation

and rate design issues for the Docket No. RP97-71 rate period commencing May 1, 1997. Therefore, pursuant to Article XII of the Agreement, the effective date of the Agreement is September 1, 1998, which is the date Transco began billing the settlement rates. Refunds must be made on or before October 30, 1998.

Transco further states that based on the settlement it has calculated storage and transportation refunds for the period May 1, 1997 (the beginning of the Docket No. RP97-71 rate period) through August 31, 1998 based on the difference between the amounts billed and amounts calculated utilizing settlement rates, subject to the refund floor.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before December 10, 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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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-394-002]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 3, 1998.

Take notice that on November 30, 1998 Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, certain revised tariff sheets which tariff sheets are enumerated in Appendix A attached to the filing. Such tariff sheets are proposed to be effective November 1, 1998.

On September 1, 1998, Transco filed in the referenced docket to implement new Rate Schedules WSS-Open Access and WSS Open Access-R to accommodate requests by several of its shippers to convert their Section 7(c) Rate Schedule WSS firm storage service to service under Transco's blanket