

frequent public comments received after the draft Order and Manual were made available for public review on August 6, 1998, and DOE's responses. All public comments received on the draft documents also are available.

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ADDRESSES: Electronic copies of the Order and Manual and accompanying Implementation Guide are available on the Internet at: <http://www.explorer.doe.gov:1776/htmls/directives/html>. A summary of the public comments and DOE's responses is available through an Internet Web Site at <http://www.em.doe.gov>. Copies of the public comments received by DOE are available for viewing at the Center for Environmental Management Information, 955 L'Enfant Plaza, North, SW, Suite 8200, Washington, DC 20024, 1-800-736-3282, in DC 202-863-5084; and DOE Public Reading Rooms. For locations of the DOE Reading Rooms or other public information repositories, please contact the Center for Environmental Management Information at above address and telephone.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DOE Order and Manual on Radioactive Waste Management (DOE O 435.1 and DOE M 435.1-1) set forth the requirements that DOE programs and contractors must follow in managing DOE radioactive waste to provide for radiological protection from DOE facilities, operations, and activities. These documents replace the previous DOE Order on Radioactive Waste Management, DOE 5820.2A. The new Order and Manual reflect advances in radioactive waste management practices, and changes within DOE, since the previous DOE Order was issued in 1988.

On August 6, 1998, DOE published a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the draft DOE Order and Manual on Radioactive Waste Management (63 FR 42012). In the NOA, DOE requested comments from the public and interested parties on the draft Order and Manual by September 8, 1998.

Overall, approximately 250 comments were received from 18 different entities, including states, Indian Nations, citizen groups, DOE Site-Specific Advisory Boards, national laboratories, private individuals, government agencies, and corporations. The focus of the comments ranged from general Order and Manual process issues to specific

technical issues. A summary of the significant and most frequently received public comments on DOE O 435.1, Radioactive Waste Management, and DOE's responses is available at the above locations.

Review Under the National Environmental Policy Act

The objective of the Order, Manual, and Implementation Guide is to continue to ensure that all DOE radioactive waste is managed in a manner that protects worker and public health and safety, and the environment. On July 30, 1998, DOE executed a record of categorical exclusion for the draft of the DOE Order and Manual. On August 8, 1998, DOE made the drafts available to the public for comment. DOE then reviewed each of the comments it received, and revised the draft Order and Manual where appropriate. After considering the public comments and the changes prompted by those comments, DOE believes that the final Order and Manual, and accompanying Guide, also qualify for a categorical exclusion. Because the Order and Manual amend or revise the existing Order but do not change its environmental effect, DOE has determined that this revision fits within the class of actions eligible for categorical exclusion found in DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures, 10 CFR Part 1021, at paragraph A5 of Appendix A to subpart D. DOE has determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances related to the Order and Manual that may affect the significance of the environmental impacts of the Order and Manual, and that the Order and Manual are not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts or to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts. Accordingly, neither an environmental impact statement nor an environmental assessment is required.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-345-002]

Arkansas Western Pipeline, L.L.C.; Tariff Filing

July 8, 1999.

Take notice that on June 30, 1999, Arkansas Western Pipeline, L.L.C. (AWP L.L.C.) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, certain revised tariff sheets, with an effective date of June 22, 1999.

AWP L.L.C. asserts that the purpose of this filing is to replace the revised sheets filed by AWP L.L.C. on June 22, 1999, and replacement sheets filed on June 23, 1999, in this proceeding because the docket numbers and citations in the footers on the replacement tariff sheets submitted on June 23, 1999 were incomplete.

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. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Report

July 8, 1999.

Take notice that on June 30, 1999, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) filed a report on the flow back to customers on June 10, 1999, of \$5,702.76 representing the time value of money associated with the deferred taxes applicable to non-jurisdictional