

of approximately \$4.5 million and of Storage Well Program Costs of \$2 million.

Columbia states further that copies of this filing have been mailed to all of its customers and affected state regulatory commissions.

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

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-155-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Compliance Filing

January 5, 2000.

Take notice that on December 30, 1999, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered a filing with the Commission in compliance with Stipulation II, Article III, Section B(3), of the settlement filed in Docket No. RP95-408 *et al.*, approved on April 17, 1997 (79 FERC ¶ 61,044 (1997))(Settlement). The Settlement provides that in the event that Columbia is still providing gathering service on February 1, 2000, Columbia shall file no later than December 31, 1999 to be effective February 1, 2000, to reflect in the gathering rates the actual costs of providing gathering service at the time of the filing.

Columbia states that gathering costs have already been fully unbundled from transportation service rates since January 31, 1999, and this filing does

not affect transportation service rates. Since Columbia is continuing to sell, refunctionalize, or otherwise dispose of all facilities functionally classified as gathering, Columbia has determined that it is willing to continue to charge the lower currently effective rate for gathering service.

Columbia states further that copies of this filing have been mailed to all of its customers and affected state regulatory commissions.

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 on or before January 12, 2000. 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. 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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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-147-000]

#### Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 4, 2000.

Take notice that on December 22, 1999, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (ESNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, certain revised tariff sheets in the above captioned docket, bear a proposed effective date of January 1, 2000.

ESNG states that the purpose of this instant filing is to track rate changes attributable to a storage service purchased from Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) under its Rate Schedules FSS and SST. The costs of the above referenced storage service comprise the rates and charges payable under ESNG's Rate

Schedule CFSS. This tracking filing is being made pursuant to Section 3 of ESNG's Rate Schedule CFSS.

ESNG states that copies of the filing have been served upon its jurisdictional customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest must 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 were due 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. To become a party a person 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. 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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*Acting Secretary*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-287-042]

#### El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 4, 2000.

Take notice that on December 29, 1999, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1-A, the following tariff sheets, to become effective January 1, 2000:

Twenty-Seventh Revised Sheet No. 30  
Twentieth Revised Sheet No. 31  
Third Revised Sheet No. 31A  
First Revised Sheet No. 31B

El Paso states that the above tariff sheets are being filed to implement two negotiated rate contracts pursuant to the Commission's Statement of Policy on Alternatives to Traditional Cost-of-Service Ratemaking for Natural Gas Pipelines and Regulation of Negotiated Transportation Services of Natural Gas Pipelines issued January 31, 1996 at