

Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet, with a proposed effective date of April 1, 2000:

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 44

Columbia states that it submits its annual filing pursuant to the provisions of Section 35, Retainage Adjustment Mechanism (RAM), of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) of its Tariff. Eighth Revised Sheet No. 44 sets forth the retainage factors applicable to Columbia's transportation, storage and gathering services, as revised by this filing.

Columbia states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all firm customers, interruptible customers and affected state 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 N.E., Washington, D.C. 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).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-197-000]

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 7, 2000.

Take notice that on March 1, 2000, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, with a proposed effective date of April 1, 2000:

Twenty-third Revised Sheet No. 18
Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 18A

Twenty-fourth Revised Sheet No. 19

Columbia Gulf states that this filing represents Columbia Gulf's annual filing pursuant to the provisions of Section 33, Transportation Retainage Adjustment (TRA), of the General Terms and Conditions (GTC) of its Tariff.

Columbia Gulf further states that the tariff sheets listed above set forth the transportation retainage factors as a result of this filing. GTC Section 33.2 enables Columbia Gulf to state retainage factors for its rate zones, which factors consist of a current and an over/under recovered component. Pursuant to GTC Section 33.4(a), the current component reflects the estimate of total company-use, lost, and unaccounted-for quantities required during the 12-month period commencing, in an annual filing such as this, on April 1. Pursuant to GTC Section 33.4(b) the over/under recovered component reflects the reconciliation of "actual" company-use, lost, and unaccounted-for quantities with quantities actually retained by Columbia Gulf for the preceding calendar year; *i.e.*, the deferral period.

The deferral period for this annual filing is the preceding calendar year being January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999. Appendix A sets forth Columbia Gulf's actual experience during the deferral period. As reflected therein, Columbia Gulf was in a net under-recovery position as of December 31, 1999. Consequently, in this filing Columbia Gulf is implementing an under-recovered surcharge component for each of the retainage factors to increase future quantities to be retained.

Columbia Gulf states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all firm customers, interruptible customers, and affected state commissions.

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David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11516-000]

Commonwealth Power Company; Notice Granting Intervention

March 7, 2000.

On February 9, 1995, the Commission issued a notice of the application for a license filed by Commonwealth Power Company (Commonwealth) for the existing Irving Dam Project No. 11516, located on the Thornapple River in Barry County, Michigan. The notice established April 10, 1995, as the deadline for filing motions to intervene.

On March 24, 1995, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) filed a timely request for intervention. Commonwealth filed a response in opposition to the motion.

Granting the motion to intervene will not unduly delay or disrupt the proceeding or prejudice other parties to it. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 214,¹ the motion to intervene in this proceeding file by MDNR is granted, subject to the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-287-047]

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

March 7, 2000.

Take notice that on March 1, 2000, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), tendered for filing the following tariff sheet to its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1-A, to become effective March 1, 2000.

Twenty-Second Revised Sheet No. 31

El Paso states that the above tariff sheet is being filed to implement a

¹ 18 CFR 385.214 (1999).