

The rates for the optioned capacity would be equal to Tennessee's maximum tariff rate for firm storage service. Such lease would terminate at Tennessee's option on either the first or second March 31st after acceptance of Commission authorization by both Tennessee and National Fuel.

Applicants claim that a lease of capacity is justified since National Fuel could not provide capacity to Tennessee on a field-specific basis under its Part 284 firm storage services.

Applicants also propose that Tennessee have the option to become the operator of the storage facilities at the Hebron Storage Field in place of National Fuel. Under the current storage agreement National Fuel operates the storage properties and Tennessee operates the station facilities.

Additionally, subject to a mutual agreement between the parties, National Fuel will continue to perform certain day to day operation and maintenance responsibilities under a contract with Tennessee. National Fuel would also retain certain administrative responsibilities relating to leases, royalties and other payments.

Applicants also propose to modify the termination and assignment provisions of the Hebron Storage Agreement and to extend the term of the Hebron Storage Agreement for a period of ten (10) years.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before November 29, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or 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 NGA (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. Any person wishing to become a party in any proceeding must file a petition to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules. Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the NGA and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this

application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the proposal is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given. Under the procedure provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for the Applicants to appear or to be represented at the hearing.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-71-024]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of PBS Revenue Sharing Refund Report

November 15, 2000.

Take notice that on November 9, 2000, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing a refund report showing that on October 25, 2000, Transco submitted PBS revenue sharing refunds (total principal and interest amount of \$299,275.79) to all affected shippers in Docket Nos. RP97-71 and RP97-312.

Transco states that Section 3.4 of Transco's Rate Schedule PBS1 provides that during the effectiveness of the Docket No. RP97-71 rate period, which began on May 1, 1997, Transco shall refund annually 75% of the fixed cost component of all revenues collected associated with Rate Schedule PBS parking/borrowing charges to maximum rate firm transportation, maximum rate interruptible transportation and maximum rate firm storage Buyers (collectively, Eligible Shippers). Transco has calculated that the refund amount for the annual period from May 1, 1999 through April 30, 2000 equals \$299,275.79. Pursuant to Section 3.4 of Rate Schedule PBS, Transco refunded that amount to Eligible Shippers based on each Eligible Shipper's actual fixed cost contribution as a percentage of the total fixed cost contribution of all such Eligible Shippers (exclusive of the fixed cost contribution pertaining to service purchased by Seller from third parties).

Any person desiring to protest said 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 November 22, 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. 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).

Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-425-002]

#### Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 15, 2000.

Take notice that on November 9, 2000, Williams Gas Pipelines Central, Inc. (Williams) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet to become effective September 1, 2000:

Second Substitute Original Sheet No. 300

Williams states that this filing is being made pursuant to Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act and in compliance with Commission Order issued on October 27, 2000 in Docket No. RP00-425-001 [93 FERC ¶ 61,094 (2000)]. That Order approved tariff sheets filed on September 29, 2000 that were filed to comply with ordering Paragraph (B) of the Commission's August 31, 2000 Order [92 FERC ¶ 61,190 (2000)] in this proceeding, which approved Williams' negotiated rates program. The instant filing revises tariff language to make it clear that the applicable recourse rate, in Section 31.9 of the General Terms and Conditions, including surcharges, is the cap for bid matching under the ROFR process, as requested by the Missouri Public Service Commission