

the dispute, retain in the account (i) principal and interest on amounts attributable to production prior to October 4, 1983, and (ii) interest on all reimbursed principal amounts determined to be in excess of maximum lawful prices (excluding interest retained under (i) above).

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). 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 to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-43-017]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 19, 1998.

Take notice that, on March 16, 1998, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, proposed to be effective April 1, 1998:

Seventh Revised Sheet No. 2
Second Revised Sheet No. 187.2
Third Revised Sheet No. 189

ANR states that the purpose of the filing is to implement two provisions of the Stipulation and Agreement ("Settlement") filed by ANR on October 17, 1997, and approved by Commission order issued February 13, 1998, ANR Pipeline Company, 82 FERC (CCH) ¶ 61,145 (1998).

ANR further states that, in compliance with the Settlement, the revised tariff sheets reflect the removal of the Interruptible Revenue Crediting

provision from its tariff, and changes to its Account No. 858 tracker mechanism. The changes reflected on the proposed tariff sheets are the same as the changes shown on the pro forma tariff sheets that were appended to the Settlement.

ANR states that copies of the filing have been mailed to parties on the restricted service list to this proceeding, intervenors, affected customers, and interested state commissions.

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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR98-4-001]

AOG Gas Transmission Company, L.P.; Notice of Petition To Partially Withdraw Rate Application, Approve Existing Rate, and Close Docket

March 19, 1998.

Take notice that on March 11, 1998, AOG Gas Transmission Company, L.P. (AOGGT) filed pursuant to Sections 284.123(e) of the Commission's regulations, a petition to the Commission for an order (1) allowing AOGGT to withdraw its pending proposal in this Docket to continue the existing system-wide rate applicable to service provided through its New Mexico system, and (2) approving AOGGT's existing system-wide rate applicable to transportation service rendered from its system in the state of Oklahoma, \$0.0019 per MMBtu. This rate will be applicable to the transportation of natural gas under section 311(a)(2) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA).

AOG states that it has or will discontinue the provision of Section 311 transportation services in the State of New Mexico, because of the sale and

transfer of its New Mexico facilities to Transwestern Pipeline Company, Conoco, Inc., and El Paso Natural Gas Company during December 1997 and April 1998.

Any person desiring to participate in this proceeding must file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. All Such motions or protests must be filed on or before April 3, 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 proceeding. Copies of this petition are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-35-000]

Lee Banks d/b/a Banks Oil Company; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

March 19, 1998.

Take notice that on March 9, 1998, Banks, Lee d/b/a Banks Oil Company (Banks), Suite 550, 500 West Douglas, Wichita, Kansas 67202, filed in Docket No. SA98-35-000 a petition for adjustment pursuant to Section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) 15 U.S.C. 3412(c) and Rules 1101-1117 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.1101-385.1117) requesting to be relieved of all refund requests or obligations covering all wells with the exception of the Loewen C well (Panhandle), all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Banks states that it has adjustment disputes with Northern Natural Gas Company, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company and Colorado Interstate Gas Company.

Banks states further that the request, to be relieved of all refund requests or obligations, is based on the special hardship privileges.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said

petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 220426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). 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 to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-54-000]

Lee Banks d/b/a Banks Oil Company; Notice of Petition for Adjustment

March 19, 1998.

Take notice that on March 9, 1998, Lee Banks d/b/a Banks Oil Company (Banks), filed a petition for adjustment under section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 in Docket No. SA98-54-000. Banks requests to be relieved of his obligation to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds to Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, except for the Loewen "C" well, which is still producing. The Commission's September 10, 1997, order in Docket No. RP97-369-000, *et al.*, directed first sellers under the NGPA to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., 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 385.214, 385.211, 385.105, and 385.1106). 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 to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-56-000]

Benson Mineral Group, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Adjustment and Request for Extension of Time

March 19, 1998.

Take notice that on March 9, 1998, Benson Mineral Group, Inc., as First Seller (Benson), filed a petition, pursuant to section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA), for an adjustment of the Commission's refund procedures ([15 U.S.C. 4142(c)(1982)] with respect to Benson's Kansas ad valorem tax refund liability. Benson's petition is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The Commission's September 10, 1997, order on remand from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals,¹ in Docket No. RP97-369-000, *et al.*,² directed first sellers to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds, with interest, for the period from 1983 to 1988. The Commission clarified the refund procedures in its Order Clarifying Procedures [82 FERC ¶ 61,059 (1998)], stating therein that producers [first sellers] could request additional time to establish the uncollectability of royalty refunds, and that first sellers may file requests for NGPA section 502(c) adjustment relief from the refund requirement and the timing and procedures for implementing the refunds, based on their individual circumstances.

Benson requests an extension of 90 days from March 9, 1998, to allow Benson and Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) to resolve any dispute as to the proper amount of refund set forth in the Statement of Refunds Due [SRD] received from Northern and make any refunds owing, or to submit such dispute to FERC for resolution if the parties cannot resolve

¹ *Public Service Company of Colorado v. FERC*, 91 F.3d 1478 (D.C. Cir. 1996), *cert. denied*, 65 U.S.L.W. 3751 and 3754 (May 12, 1997) (Nos. 96-954 and 96-1230).

² See 80 FERC ¶ 61,264 (1997); *order denying reh'g*, 82 FERC ¶ 61,058 (1998).

it within such time. Additionally, Benson requests that the Commission grant an adjustment to its procedures to allow Benson to place into an escrow account not only the disputed amount of the refund, but also principal and interest on amounts attributable to production prior to October 4, 1983, and interest on all other amounts claimed to be due under the SRD, in order to stop the accrual of interest pending resolution of disputes and legal issues. Finally, Benson also requests a determination that it has no liability under the SRD except to amounts attributable solely to its own working interest.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should on or before 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214, 385.211, 385.1105, and 385.1106). 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 to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. SA98-57-000]

Benson Mineral Group, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Adjustment and Request for Extension of Time

March 19, 1998.

Take notice that on March 9, 1998, Benson Mineral Group, Inc. (BMG) filed a petition for adjustment and a request for extension of time under section 502(c) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA), requesting an adjustment to its obligation to make Kansas ad valorem tax refunds to KN Interstate Gas Transmission Company (KN), all as more fully set forth in the petition which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.