

each Board, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Boards have certain responsibilities under the law, including the issuance of necessary regulations. Funds were appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce to implement and administer the program at the Board's direction.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 1999, at the Department of Commerce. The meeting will consist of parties presenting oral statements to staff of the agencies headed by the members of the Boards. Oral statement should address issues and make suggestions the presenters believe the Board should consider in designing the programs. In making their statements, parties should take into account the purposes of the programs and the specific requirements of Public Law 106-51. Neither written comments nor oral statements should address specific companies or applications.

We will make every effort to accommodate all parties wishing to speak at the meeting. It may, however, be necessary to limit the time available to each speaker. Interested parties not wishing to speak may submit written comments by no later than September 17, 1999. Parties may request to speak at the meeting by making a request when they register and submitting a written statement of their oral presentation to Dan Fee by no later than September 17, 1999, at Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street, and Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 5515, Washington, DC 20230.

Under the law, the Boards may guarantee loans provided by private banking or investment companies to qualified steel companies and qualified oil and gas companies. A qualified steel company is defined in the law to mean any company that: (A) Is incorporated under the laws of any State; (B) is engaged in the production and manufacture of a product defined by the American Iron and Steel Institute as a basic steel mill product, including ingots, slab and billets, plates, flat-rolled steel, sections and structural products, bars, rail type products, pipe and tube, and wire rod; and (C) has experienced layoffs, production losses, or financial losses since the beginning of the steel import crisis, in January 1998, or that operates substantial assets of a company that meets these qualifications. An iron ore company incorporated under the laws of any State is treated as a qualified steel company for purposes of the steel program.

A qualified oil and gas company is a company that: (A) is an independent oil

and gas company (within the meaning of section 57(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) or a small business concern under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632) (or a company based in Alaska, including an Alaska Native Corporation created pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)) that is an oil field service company whose main business is providing tools, products, personnel, and technical solutions on a contractual basis to exploration and production operators that drill, complete wells, and produce, transport, refine, and sell hydrocarbons and their byproducts as the main commercial business of the concern or company; and (B) has experienced layoffs, production losses, or financial losses since the beginning of the oil import crisis, after January 1, 1997.

Under the law, the Boards must make certain determinations in order to guarantee a loan: (A) That credit is not otherwise available to the qualified company under reasonable terms or conditions sufficient to meet its financing needs, as reflected in the financial and business plans of that company; (B) that the prospective earning power of that company, together with the character and value of the security pledged, furnish reasonable assurance of repayment of the loan to be guaranteed in accordance with its terms; (C) that the loan to be guaranteed bears interest at a rate determined by the Boards to be reasonable, taking into account the current average yield on outstanding obligations of the United States with remaining periods of maturity comparable to the maturity of such loan; (D) that the company agrees to an audit by the General Accounting Office prior to the issuance of the loan guarantee and annually thereafter while the guaranteed loan is outstanding; and (E) in a case of a purchaser of substantial assets of a qualified steel company, that the qualified steel company establishes that it is unable to reorganize itself.

Written comments and statements will be available for public inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Department of Commerce. To the extent technically feasible, all comments received will be made available to the public on the Internet at: <http://www.doc.gov>.

Dated: September 3, 1999.

William M. Daley,

Secretary of Commerce, Member, Emergency Steel Guaranteed Loan Board, Emergency Oil and Gas Guaranteed Loan Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Treatment and Management of Sodium-Bonded Spent Nuclear Fuel; Public Comment Period Extension

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: In response to requests from the public, DOE has decided to extend the deadline for the transmittal of public comments on the "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Treatment and Management of Sodium-Bonded Spent Nuclear Fuel" (DOE/EIS-0306D) from September 13, 1999, to September 28, 1999.

DATES: Comments should be transmitted or postmarked by September 28, 1999, to ensure consideration. Comments submitted after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the draft EIS, requests to be placed on the EIS distribution list, and questions concerning the project should be sent to: Ms. Susan M. Lesica, EIS Document Manager, Office of Nuclear Facilities Management, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, U.S. Department of Energy, NE-40, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290.

Comments and requests may also be submitted by toll-free facsimile to (877) 621-8288 or telephone (877) 450-6904. Comments and requests may also be submitted by electronic mail to sodium.fuel.eis@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on DOE's NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), Office of Environment, Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0119; or telephone (202) 586-4600 or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 30, 1999, DOE published a notice in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 41404) announcing the availability of the draft EIS. DOE received requests from several

parties to extend the comment period. In response to these requests and to ensure that all interested parties have time to comment, the deadline for transmittal of comments has been extended to September 28, 1999. Comments should be postmarked by September 28, 1999, to ensure consideration.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 3rd day of September 1999.

William D. Magwood, IV,

Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-498-000]

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

September 3, 1999.

Take notice that on August 31, 1999, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to become effective September 1, 1999:

Thirty-Eighth Revised Sheet No. 8
Thirty-Eighth Revised Sheet No. 9
Thirty-Seventh Revised Sheet No. 13
Forty-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 18

ANR states that the above-referenced tariff sheets are being filed to implement recovery of approximately \$2.2 million of above-market costs that are associated with its obligations to Dakota Gasification Company (Dakota). ANR proposes a reservation surcharge applicable to its Part 284 firm transportation customers to collect ninety percent (90%) of the Dakota costs, and an adjustment to the maximum base tariff rates of Rate Schedule ITS and overrun rates applicable to Rate Schedule FTS-2, so as to recover the remaining ten percent (10%). ANR also advises that the proposed changes would decrease current quarterly Above-Market Dakota Cost recoveries from \$2,368,566 to \$2,156,641.

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. RP99-495-000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

September 3, 1999.

Take notice that on August 31, 1999, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed in on Appendix A to the filing, to be effective October 1, 1999.

CIG states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Article 20.1 of the General Terms and Conditions. CIG states these tariff sheets reflect the requirements of its FERC Gas Tariff, Article 20.1 and relates to gas quality controls associated with volumes which are delivered on CIG's "Valley Line".

CIG states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all affected customers and 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).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM00-1-32-000]

Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

September 3, 1999.

Take notice that on August 31, 1999, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Fourteenth Revised Sheet No. 11A, reflecting a decrease in its fuel reimbursement percentage for Lost, Unaccounted-For and Other Fuel Gas from 1.53% to 1.43%, reflecting an increase in the fuel reimbursement percentage for Transportation Fuel Gas from 2.38% to 2.47%, and reflecting an increase in the fuel reimbursement percentage for Storage Fuel Gas from 1.29% to 1.32% effective October 1, 1999.

CIG states that copies of this filing have been served on CIG's jurisdictional customers and public bodies.

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/>