

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Docket No. RP00-18-000]

**Indicated Shippers v. Natural Gas
Pipeline Company of America; Notice
of Complaint**

October 8, 1999.

Take notice that on October 7, 1999, pursuant to Rule 206 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.206, Amoco Energy Trading Corporation and Amoco Production Company and Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company (Indicated Shippers) filed a Section 5 complaint against Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (NGPL), requesting the Commission to find that NGPL's auction procedures violate its tariff, Commission regulations and Commission precedent and to order NGPL to revise such procedures.

Specifically, the Indicated Shippers assert that NGPL's currently pending capacity auction (No. AM9909-6) violates its tariff because it creates an undue preference for Negotiated Rate bids, impermissible bundling of noncontiguous capacity, discriminates against Resource Rate bidders and improperly restricts capacity release rights.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 285.214). All such motions or protests must be filed on or before October 15, 1999. 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. 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 also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222) for assistance. Answers to the complaint shall also be due on or before October 15, 1999.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP00-1-000]

**Carnegie Interstate Pipeline Company;
Notice of Request Under Blanket
Authorization**

October 7, 1999.

Take notice that on October 1, 1999, Carnegie Interstate Pipeline Company (CIPCO), 800 Regis Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15236, filed in Docket No. CP00-1-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.208 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.208 and 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate certain facilities to provide new service to an end-user of natural gas, and to increase the Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) of one segment of a delivery lateral, under CIPCO's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP88-248-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

CIPCO states that it would construct a new delivery point on its existing M-73 eight-inch diameter pipeline to serve Allegheny Power's Hatfield Ferry Power Station in Masontown, Pennsylvania. CIPCO states that the delivery point would connect to a natural gas service line owned, operated and maintained by Allegheny Power. CIPCO also states that to provide the new service, it would convert its existing delivery point to Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (CPA) on Line M-73 to a new receipt point. CIPCO states it will replace the existing 4-inch tap connecting its system to CPA with a 10-inch tap and replace approximately 140 feet of existing 4-inch line which is part of the meter facilities with 10-inch line in the same trench. CIPCO states that all of the above construction and operation would be automatically authorized under the automatic provisions of the Commission's blanket certificate regulations.

In addition, CIPCO proposes to increase the MAOP of the short segment (approximately 2053 feet) of Line M-73 from the interconnection with CPA to the Hatfield delivery point from 99 psia to 175 psia. CIPCO states that the reason for the proposed change is to enable CIPCO to provide the new service to the Hatfield Power Station.

Any questions regarding this filing should be directed to Michael E. Kingerski, Director of Transportation Marketing of CIPCO at (412) 655-8517, at 800 Regis Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15236.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,*Acting Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. GT99-70-000]

**Distrigas of Massachusetts
Corporation; Notice of Proposed
Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

October 6, 1999.

Take notice that on September 30, 1999, Distrigas of Massachusetts Corporation (DOMAC) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet, to become effective December 1, 1999:

Seventh Revised Sheet No. 94

DOMAC states that the purpose of this filing is to record semiannual changes in DOMAC's index of customers.

Any person desiring to protest this 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 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. 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. PR00-1-000]

ONEOK Field Services Company; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

October 7, 1999.

Take notice that on October 1, 1999, ONEOK Field Service Company (OFSC) filed pursuant to section 284.123(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations, a petition for rate approval requesting that the Commission approve as fair and equitable a cost-justified rate, not to exceed \$0.016 per MMBtu for interruptible transportation service performed under section 311(a)(2) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978.

Pursuant to Section 284.123(b)(2), if the Commission does not act within 150 days of the filing date, the proposed rates will be deemed fair and equitable and not in excess of an amount which interstate pipelines would be permitted to charge for similar transportation service. The Commission may, prior to the expiration of the 150-day period, extend the time for action or institute a proceeding to afford parties an opportunity for written comments and for the oral presentations of views, data, and arguments.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate proceeding 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 Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All motions must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before October 22, 1999. The petition for rate approval is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection. 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

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[Docket No. RP98-52-000]

Williams Gas Pipelines-Central, Inc.; Notice of Offer of Settlement

October 7, 1999.

Take notice that on October 1, 1999, the Missouri Public Service Commission (MoPSC), Williams Gas Pipelines-Central, Inc., formerly Williams Natural Gas Company (Williams) and Missouri Gas Energy, a division of Southern Union Company (collectively called Sponsoring Parties) filed an Offer of Settlement under Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure in the captioned docket. Sponsoring Parties filed the Offer of Settlement to facilitate and expedite the Commission's implementation of the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in *Public Service Company of Colorado*.¹ The Sponsoring Parties state the Offer of Settlement is intended to provide relief to small producers from their *ad valorem* tax refund liability and to reduce the administrative burdens on the Commission, its staff, first sellers and numerous interest owners and intervenors associated with the various proceedings pending at the Commission relating to such tax liability. A copy of the Offer of Settlement is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. The Offer of Settlement may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

To achieve these objectives, the Offer of Settlement provides a \$50,000 credit towards the *ad valorem* tax refund liability of the first sellers listed in the Statement of Refunds Due filed by Williams on November 18, 1997, as adjusted in Exhibit A to the Offer of Settlement to reflect subsequent corrections. Any first seller with a refund obligation of \$50,000 or less for principal and interest will have its *ad valorem* tax refund waived in its entirety. First sellers with refund liabilities of \$50,000 or less are not required to give up any rights or provide any other consideration as a condition to receiving the benefits. Sponsoring Parties state the Offer of Settlement would eliminate the entire refund

obligation of 40 of the 75 first sellers on the Williams system.

Any first seller with a refund liability in excess of \$50,000 as listed in the Statement of Refunds Due filed by Williams on November 18, 1997, as adjusted in Exhibit A to reflect subsequent corrections, is eligible to have its refund obligation reduced by \$50,000. In order to be eligible for the \$50,000 credit, such first sellers must pay the remaining refund liability (after deducting the \$50,000), plus additional accrued interest through date of payment, and agree to withdraw all interventions, protests and court appeals related to the *ad valorem* tax refund. First sellers who accept the terms for partial waiver under the Offer of Settlement will be responsible for negotiating with their underlying interest owners the amount of the waiver relief applicable to their interest owners.

The Offer of Settlement also provides that any first seller listed in Williams' Statement of Refunds Due with a refund liability of \$50,000 or less for principal and interest who has refunded to Williams amounts which would be waived under Article II will receive a refund from Williams of such amounts, plus additional accrued interest through date of payment by Williams. In addition, Article III provides that if Williams has previously received refunds directly from an interest owner whose obligation was incurred under a first seller whose entire refund obligation is waived pursuant to the agreement, Williams will refund such payments to the interest owner within 60 days of the effective date of the settlement. If jurisdictional refunds exceed the amount of undisbursed Kansas *ad valorem* tax refunds held by Williams, Williams will maintain a credit balance for the jurisdictional refunds. Any subsequent Kansas *ad valorem* tax refunds received by Williams will be used to reduce any credit balance before any disbursement is made to customers. One hundred twenty days after the effective date of the Offer of Settlement, Williams shall be permitted to direct bill any remaining credit amounts.

In accordance with section 385.602(f), initial comments on the Offer of Settlement are due on October 21, 1999 and any reply comments are due November 1, 1999.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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¹ *Public Service Co. of Colorado, et al.*, 80 FERC ¶61,264 (1997), *reh'g denied*, 82 FERC ¶61,058 (1998). Appeal pending, *Anadarko Petroleum Corporation v. FERC*, Case No. 98-1227 *et al.*