

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507(j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by April 12, 2000. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 9, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. ED invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper

functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: April 4, 2000.

**William E. Burrow,**

*Leader, Information Management Group,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

#### **Office of Elementary and Secondary Education**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Applications for Grants under the Smaller Learning Communities Program.

*Abstract:* This application will be used to award grants to local educational agencies for the purpose of creating and implementing smaller learning environments in large high schools.

*Additional Information:* This program is a high priority initiative and a key part of the Administration's overall strategy to encourage the use of effective, research-based programs to create smaller, safer learning environments.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 700

*Burden Hours:* 45,500

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO\_IMG\_Issues@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287 or via her internet address Sheila\_Carey@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP00-234-000]

#### **CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

April 4, 2000.

Take notice that on March 31, 2000 CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet, with an effective date of May 1, 2000:

Fifty-sixth Revised Sheet No. 32

CNG requests waiver of the filing requirements of Section 18.2 of the GT&C to relieve CNG of its obligation to make its next three quarterly stranded cost adjustment filings.

CNG states that the purpose of the rate filing is to submit CNG's quarterly revision of the Section 18.2.B Surcharge, effective for the three-month period commencing May 1, 2000. The charge for the quarter ending April 30, 2000 has been \$0.0200 per Dt., as authorized by Commission order dated January 18, 2000 in Docket No. RP00-148-000. CNG's proposed section 18.2.B surcharge for the next quarterly period is \$0.0217 per Dt. costs, which CNG incurred for the period of December 1999 through February 2000.

CNG states that copies of this letter of transmittal and enclosures are being served upon CNG's customers and interested 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, 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).

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-237-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

April 4, 2000.

Take notice that on March 31, 2000, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) 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 May 1, 2000:

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 280  
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 281  
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 282  
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 283

Columbia states that it is making this filing to revise its tariff to comply with the Commission's changes in its Order No. 637 to the right-of-first-refusal (ROFR) afforded certain firm shippers in 18 CFR Section 284.221(d)(2)(ii). In Order No. 637, the Commission revised the ROFR to limit its applicability. Columbia is revising General Terms and Conditions (GTC), Section 4, which contains the procedures for the awarding of existing firm capacity and the exercise of the ROFR on Columbia, to reflect these changes. Columbia is also revising Section 4 to be consistent with certain comparable time frames and provisions in Section 14.5(b).

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).

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-238-000]

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

April 4, 2000.

Take notice that on March 31, 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 May 1, 2000:

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 144  
First Revised Sheet No. 144A  
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 145  
Third Revised Sheet No. 145A  
Third Revised Sheet No. 147

Columbia Gulf states that it is making this filing to revise its tariff to comply with the Commission's changes in its Order No. 637 to the right-of-first-refusal (ROFR) afforded certain firm shippers in 18 C.F.R. Section 284.221(d)(2)(ii). In Order No. 637, the Commission revised the ROFR to limit its applicability. Columbia Gulf is revising General Terms and Conditions (GTC), Section 4, which contains the procedures for the awarding of existing firm capacity and the exercise of the ROFR on Columbia Gulf, to reflect these changes.

Columbia Gulf 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).

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT00-24-000]

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

April 4, 2000.

Take notice that on March 31, 2000, 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 June 1, 2000:

Eighth 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 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).

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*Acting Secretary.*

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