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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 323 of the EPCA (Act) <sup>1</sup> requires that DOE prescribe test procedures for the determination of the estimated annual operating costs or other measures of energy consumption for certain consumer products specified in the Act. These test procedures are found in 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B.

Section 323(b) of the Act requires that the estimated annual operating costs of a covered product be computed from measurements of energy use in a representative average-use cycle and from representative average unit costs of energy needed to operate such product during such cycle. The section further

requires DOE to provide information regarding the representative average unit costs of energy for use wherever such costs are needed to perform calculations in accordance with the test procedures. Most notably, these costs are used under the Federal Trade Commission's appliance labeling program, established by section 324 of the Act, and in connection with advertisements of appliance energy use and energy costs, which are covered by section 323(c) of the Act.

The Department last published representative average unit costs of residential energy for use in the Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products Other Than Automobiles on January 5, 1999. (64 FR 487). Effective March 8, 2000, the cost figures published on January 5, 1999 will be superseded by the cost figures set forth in this notice.

The Department's Energy Information Administration (EIA) has developed the 2000 representative average unit after-tax costs of electricity, natural gas, No. 2 heating oil, propane, and kerosene prices found in this notice. The cost

projections for heating oil, electricity, and natural gas are found in the fourth quarter, 1999, EIA *Short-Term Energy Outlook*, DOE/EIA-0226 (99/4Q), and reflect the mid-price scenario.

Projections for residential propane and kerosene prices are derived from their relative prices to that of heating oil, based on 1998 averages for these three fuels. The source for these price data is the September 1999, *Monthly Energy Review* (DOE/EIA-0035(99/09)). The *Short-Term Energy Outlook* and the *Monthly Energy Review* are available at the National Energy Information Center, Forrestal Building, Room 1F-048, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-8800.

We provide the 2000 representative average unit costs in Table 1 pursuant to section 323(b)(4) of the Act, and they will become effective March 8, 2000. They will remain in effect until further notice.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 2, 2000.

**Dan W. Reicher,**

*Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.*

TABLE 1.—REPRESENTATIVE AVERAGE UNIT COSTS OF ENERGY FOR FIVE RESIDENTIAL ENERGY SOURCES  
[2000]

Type of energy	Per million Btu <sup>1</sup>	In commonly used terms	As required by test procedure
Electricity .....	\$23.53	8.03¢/kWh <sup>2 3</sup> .....	\$.0803/kWh
Natural gas .....	6.88	68.8¢/therm <sup>4</sup> or \$7.07/MCF <sup>5 6</sup> .....	.00000688/Btu
No. 2 Heating Oil .....	7.86	\$1.09/gallon <sup>7</sup> .....	.00000786/Btu
Propane .....	10.07	92¢/gallon <sup>8</sup> .....	.00001007/Btu
Kerosene .....	8.44	\$1.14/gallon <sup>9</sup> .....	.00000844/Btu

<sup>1</sup> Btu stands for British thermal units.

<sup>2</sup> kWh stands for kilowatt hour.

<sup>3</sup> 1 kWh = 3,412 Btu.

<sup>4</sup> 1 therm = 100,000 Btu. Natural gas prices include taxes.

<sup>5</sup> MCF stands for 1,000 cubic feet.

<sup>6</sup> For the purposes of this table, one cubic foot of natural gas has an energy equivalence of 1,027 Btu.

<sup>7</sup> For the purposes of this table, one gallon of No. 2 heating oil has an energy equivalence of 138,690 Btu.

<sup>8</sup> For the purposes of this table, one gallon of liquid propane has an energy equivalence of 91,333 Btu.

<sup>9</sup> For the purposes of this table, one gallon of kerosene has an energy equivalence of 135,000 Btu.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-15-001]

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

February 1, 2000.

Take notice that on January 24, 2000, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No.

1, the following revised tariff sheets, with an effective date of February 1, 2000:

Twenty-Eight Revised Sheet No. 31  
Fifty-Fifth Revised Sheet No. 32  
Forty-Seventy Revised Sheet No. 33  
Twenty-First Revised Sheet No. 34  
Twenty-Fourth Revised Sheet No. 35  
Third Revised Sheet No. 130  
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 346  
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 347  
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 348  
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 349  
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 350A  
Third Revised Sheet No. 380

<sup>1</sup> References to the "Act" refer to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended. 42 U.S.C. 6291-6309.

CNG states that the purpose of this filing is to implement the Stipulation and Agreement Amending Rate Case Settlement filed October 5, 1999, (Settlement) that was approved by the Settlement Order. To implement the Settlement, CNG is required to make two types of tariff revisions: (1) It must reduce its rates as required by the Settlement for services that are subject to the Transportation Cost Rate Adjustment (TCRA); and (2) it must revise certain tariff language that is affected by the Settlement.

CNG states that copies of its letter of transmittal and enclosures have been served upon CNG's 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. 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. TM99-1-22-010]

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

February 1, 2000.

Take notice that on January 27, 2000, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), filed as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets:

Eighth Substitute 17th Revised Sheet No. 31  
Fourth Substitute 19th Revised Sheet No. 35

CNG requests an effective date of November 1, 1998, for Eighth Substitute 17th Revised Sheet No. 31 and an effective date of January 1, 1999, for Fourth Substitute 19th Revised Sheet No. 35.

CNG states that the purpose of its filing is to correct two inadvertent and recently discovered errors appearing on two tariff sheets filed on November 10, 1999, in Docket No. TM99-1-22-008. CNG also states that the changes do not affect the amounts billed to CNG's customers.

CNG states that copies of its filing are being served upon the parties listed on the Official Service List of the proceeding.

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).

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-170-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Change in Gas Tariff

February 1, 2000.

Take notice that on January 28, 2000, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, with a proposed effective date of March 1, 2000.

Columbia is making the instant filing to reflect various administrative revisions to its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1 to reflect items including, but not limited to, changes to date references on various forms of service agreements and revisions to company contact information.

Columbia states further that copies of this filing have been mailed to all of its

customers and affected 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 Sections 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. EG00-73-000]

#### Duke Energy Hidalgo, L.P.; Notice of Amended Application for Commission Determination of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status

February 1, 2000.

Take notice that on January 20, 2000, Duke Energy Hidalgo, L.P. filed an amendment to their application for exempt wholesale generator status filed on December 30, 1999.

Any person desiring to be heard concerning the amended application for exempt wholesale generator status should file a motion to intervene or comments 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). The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the amended application. All such motions and comments should be filed on or before February 11, 2000, and must be served on the applicant. Any person