

Process to Date. Wind assessments began in October 2000. Surveys for sensitive plant and wildlife species are being initiated in the spring of 2001. Scoping will help identify what additional studies will be required.

Alternatives Proposed for Consideration. The alternatives include the proposed action (executing a power purchase agreement with Blackfeet I for up to 36 to 66 MW of electrical energy from the proposed Blackfeet Wind Project and contracting for transmission), and the No Action alternative.

Public Participation and Identification of Environmental Issues. For other wind projects, noise, visual impacts, impacts on cultural resources, and effects on sensitive plant and animal species have been identified as potential environmental issues. BPA has established a 30-day scoping period during which affected landowners, concerned citizens, special interest groups, local governments, and any other interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. Scoping will help BPA identify the range of environmental issues that should be addressed in the EIS. When completed, the Draft EIS will be circulated for review and comment, and BPA will hold at least one public comment meeting for the Draft EIS. BPA will consider and respond in the Final EIS to comments received on the Draft EIS. The Final EIS is expected to be published in early summer 2002. BPA's subsequent decision will be documented in a Record of Decision. The EIS will satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on April 6, 2001.

Steven G. Hickok,

Acting Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-42-020]

ANR Pipeline Co.; Notice of Settlement Agreement

April 10, 2001.

Take notice that on April 5, 2001, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. (successor-in-interest to Mesa Petroleum Company), ONEOK Resources Company (successor to

ONEOK Exploration Company), BP Exploration and Oil, Inc., Kennedy & Mitchell (wholly-owned subsidiary of Harken Energy Corporation), John F. Mitchell, Beren Corporation, Pickrell Drilling Company and Mid-Continent Energy Corporation (collectively referred to as Signatory Parties) filed a Stipulation and Agreement (Settlement) under Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure in the captioned docket. A copy of the Settlement is available for public inspection in the Commission's Public Reference Room and may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Signatory Parties state that the Settlement eliminates 49 of ANR's 56 refund claims and significantly reduces the refund burden of the remaining producers or working interest owners. Specifically, the Settlement will result in the full and complete discharge of each signatory producer or working interest owner from all liability for refunds to ANR attributable to reimbursements of Kansas ad valorem taxes, the release of each signatory producer or working interest owner's claims against its royalty owners with respect to refunds on ANR's system, and the termination of all related proceedings pending before the Commission as they relate to ANR's refund claims. Finally, the Settlement will result in total net refunds to ANR of \$339,588, which represents ANR's forgiveness of 70% of the total refunds it calculated to be due.

Initial comments are due April 17, 2001; reply comments are due April 24, 2001. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-372-000]

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

April 10, 2001.

Take notice that on April 6, 2001, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, Tenth Revised Sheet No. 44, with a proposed effective date of May 6, 2001.

Columbia states that the purpose of this filing is to reflect implementation of a non-discriminatory waiver of its transportation Retainage for transportation transactions using as a primary or secondary receipt point Columbia's interconnection with Algonquin Gas Transmission Company at Ramapo in Rockland County, New York, and using primary or secondary delivery points located on Columbia's lines east of its Huguenot Regulator Station, including to a new proposed point of delivery to Hudson Valley Gas Corporation.

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). Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web