

## MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 1990 QUALITY ASSURANCE MEETING

A meeting of the staff of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and representatives of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) to discuss items of mutual interest with regard to quality assurance (QA) was held on November 8, 1990, in NRC Headquarters, Rockville, Maryland. Representatives of the State of Nevada and Affected Units of Local Government were notified of the meeting, and two representatives of Nye County were present. An attendance list is included as Attachment 1.

DOE, in the opening remarks, mentioned that the QA workshop closeout meeting held on October 25, 1990, was for the purpose of formulating a consensus of the concerns raised at the October 10-12, 1990 QA workshop meeting. DOE indicated that positive feedback was received from the QA workshop participants. The participants noted that the scientists must be involved in the preparation of procedures, and that every effort should be made to use existing methods for doing work, modifying these methods as required to meet QA requirements. A meeting may be scheduled in February or March 1991 between DOE and NRC to discuss future changes to the DOE QA program as a result of the QA workshop effort.

The updated audit and surveillance schedules are expected to be issued on or about November 9, 1990. These schedules are being revised to reflect the results of the recent DOE audits of the DOE Headquarters and Yucca Mountain Site Characterization Project Office (YMSCPO). The NRC staff requested clarification on the recent DOE organizational changes pertaining to Raytheon Services Nevada (RSN) and Science Applications International Corporation/Technical and Management Support Services (SAIC/T&MSS). DOE stated that a Transition Plan for RSN has been developed and is in process of being implemented. In the Transition Plan, RSN basically merges the DOE/NRC accepted QA Program Plans in place for Holmes & Narver and Fenix and Scisson of Nevada. SAIC/T&MSS has developed their own QA Program Description for implementation at the YMSCPO. Both the Transition Plan and SAIC/T&MSS QA Program Description are expected to be submitted to DOE OCRWM for review and acceptance and to NRC shortly thereafter.

A letter was provided (see Attachment 2) by DOE indicating that no comments were received on the Federal Register Notice proposing to implement a new system to resolve NRC concerns on the Privacy Act. Therefore, as of October 8, 1990, DOE implemented the new system on QA Training and Qualification Records (System DOE-80). System DOE-80 will allow auditors to review the qualification and training records of DOE and contractor employees to assure personnel performing quality activities are sufficiently trained and qualified. DOE expects to issue guidance on how to implement the new system within a few months, and once this guidance is issued, allow a reasonable length of time for its program participants, excluding the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) which has its own record system, to fully implement it. The delay in implementing System DOE-80 will not affect protection of or access to the records.

The NRC staff discussed its recent observation of the DOE surveillance of the USGS (see Attachment 3). The NRC staff determined that this surveillance was useful and effective. The NRC staff agrees with the DOE/YMSCPO surveillance team's conclusion that the USGS QA program for the areas surveilled, provides adequate controls and procedural implementation.

The next topic discussed was the NRC staff's acceptance of the DOE participant QA programs (see Attachment 4). The NRC emphasized that although it has documented its acceptance of the participant QA programs, it will continue to monitor these programs by observing DOE audits/surveillances, or by performing its own audits/surveillances to verify the program's adequacy and effectiveness of implementation to meet the NRC regulatory criteria. Should any of the participant QA programs fail to meet the NRC regulatory criteria, NRC will notify DOE accordingly.

The NRC staff presented the status of the QA open items (see Attachment 5). DOE provided sufficient documentation to close out four of the existing eight open items pertaining to the DOE Waste Glass Program (see Attachment 6), Q-List and Qualification of Existing Data (see Attachment 7), and access to Project Participant's personnel files (see Attachment 2). It is anticipated that the remaining four open items can be closed out in the near future.

The NRC staff indicated that it agrees with the OCRWM position (see Attachment 6) of not submitting the DOE Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management or the Waste Form Producer Organizations QA program documents to NRC for formal review and acceptance, i.e., "information copy" only. The NRC staff will use these documents for background information and in preparation for audits or surveillances, as appropriate. This subject matter was previously discussed in the September 18, 1990 NRC/DOE QA meeting and noted in the minutes of that meeting.

DOE presented a detailed overview of the Yucca Mountain Project Q-List, Quality Activities List, and QA Grading (see Attachment 8). This new system of grading will replace the previous system of classifying items and activities into one of three quality-level classifications. NRC will review the graded system approach and provide comments to DOE.

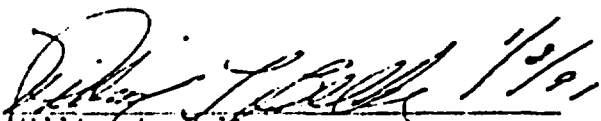
With regard to the Study Plan process, DOE indicated that they intended to remove QA from the review cycle since this is a line organization technical review function. QA will audit and surveil the Study Plan process to assure that the preparation of Study Plans is conducted in accordance with qualified procedural requirements. Based on our experience of Study Plan reviews, the NRC staff agreed with this revised method since Study Plans are mostly of a technical nature.

The NRC staff discussed the highlights of the first QA Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (NWTRB) meeting held on November 1-2, 1990 in Arlington, Virginia. The NRC and DOE stated to the NWTRB that there is enough flexibility in the NRC regulations to allow the QA effort to be accomplished in various ways; and believe the major problem is interpreting and implementing the requirements at the working level. The NRC and DOE also acknowledged that there are problems associated with implementing QA software requirements which DOE is working to resolve.

As requested at the September 18, 1990, QA Monthly meeting, DOE provided documentation of the rationale for the DOE/YMSCPO cancellation of the annual audit of REECO (see Attachment 9).

One of the representatives from Nye County, in the closing remarks of the meeting, requested that for all future meeting agenda the local governments be listed as a separate line item on the agenda.

DOE proposed the following agenda items be considered for the next QA meeting tentatively scheduled for January 15, 1991, in Rockville, Maryland: Identification and retention of QA records; update on the implementation of System DOE-80 for QA Training and Qualification Records; revised system of auditing methodology; and management system improvement strategy.



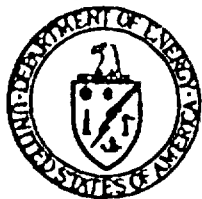
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NRC/DOE QA MEETING

| <u>NAME</u>              | <u>ORGANIZATION</u> | <u>PHONE</u> |
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| Jim Conway               | NRC                 | 301-492-0453 |
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| Joe W. Anderson          | PDC/WNC/DOE-EM      | 615-482-9004 |
| Larry LaMonica           | SAIC/T&MSS          | FTS-544-7784 |
| Arthur W. Spooner        | Weston/DOE          | 202-646-6668 |
| Sharon Dyer              | GAO                 | 202-586-8722 |
| Tom Colandrea            | EEI-UWASTE          | 619-487-7510 |
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November 2, 1990

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Repository Licensing & Quality  
Assurance Project Directorate  
Division of High-Level  
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Office of Nuclear Material  
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Linehan:

As indicated in the enclosed Federal Register Notice (FRN) (55 FR 32288-32290), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) proposed to establish a new system of records, DOE-80, Quality Assurance (QA) Training and Qualification Records, to maintain training and qualification records of DOE and contractor employees to satisfy Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations applicable to the High-Level Waste (HLW) Repository Program. As further indicated in the FRN, the new system of records was to become effective on October 8, 1990, if no comments were received resulting in a "contrary determination" and subsequent publication of a notice to that effect. Since no comments were received prior to or on October 8, 1990, this new system of records will be routinely used at DOE for the HLW Repository Program.

The implementation of DOE-80 should close out QA Open Item 6-90 (NRC item 13). If you have any questions about the FRN, please contact Cori Macaluso at 586-2837.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Desell  
Acting Chief, Licensing Branch  
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Regulations  
Office of Civilian Radioactive  
Waste Management

Attachment 2

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CC:

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C. Gertz, DOE/YMPO/NV  
M. Baughman, Lincoln County, NV  
D. Bechtel, Clark County, NV  
S. Bradhurst, Nye County, NV

25866), June 20, 1990 (55 FR 25154) and July 28, 1990 (55 FR 34499), respectively. The public may review these Recommendations and responses in the Board's Washington office, 600 E Street, NW., Suite 675, Washington, DC 20004 and DOE's Rocky Flats Area Office reading room at the Front Range Community College, 3645 West 112 Avenue, Westminster, CO 80030 and at other DOE depository libraries throughout the country.

This hearing is independently authorized by 42 U.S.C. 2286d (b)(4) and 42 U.S.C. 2286b.

**DATES:** The public hearing will be held on August 30, 1990, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 10 p.m. unless concluded earlier.

**ADDRESSES:** The public hearing will be held at the Ramada Hotel (Denver/Boulder), 8773 Yates Drive, Westminster, CO. Requests to speak at the hearing are to be submitted to Kenneth M. Pusateri, General Manager, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 600 E Street, NW., Suite 675, Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth M. Pusateri, General Manager at 202/376-8003 (FTS 376-8003).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any individual who has an interest in these Recommendations or the responses referred to in the Summary section of this notice, or who is a representative of a group which has such interest, is invited to comment. Interested persons may request an opportunity to make an oral presentation at the hearing. The Secretary of Energy is being requested to send a representative(s) and provide information regarding the Secretary's responses to the Board's recommendations.

All requests to speak at the hearing shall be submitted in writing, shall describe the nature and scope of the oral presentation, and shall be transmitted in time to assure receipt by the General Manager by 5 p.m. on August 20, 1990. The length of the oral statement shall be limited to 10 minutes.

Anyone who wishes to comment may do so in writing, either in lieu of, or in addition to, making an oral presentation. Any written submittals must be received by the Board no later than August 20, 1990. The Board members may question witnesses to the extent deemed appropriate. The Board will hold the record open until September 13, 1990, for the receipt of additional materials. A transcript of the hearing will be made available by the Board for inspection by the public at the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Washington office and at the DOE's Front Range

Community College, 3645 West 112 Avenue, Westminster, CO 80030.

The Board specifically reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of the hearing, to recess, reconvene, postpone, or adjourn the hearing, and otherwise exercise its powers under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: August 3, 1990.  
Kenneth M. Pusateri,  
General Manager, Defense Nuclear Facilities  
Safety Board.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Privacy Act of 1974; Proposed Establishment of a New System of Records

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notification of intent to create a new system of records.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, DOE is required to publish a notice in the Federal Register of a proposed system of records. DOE proposes to establish a new system of records, DOE-80, Quality Assurance Training and Qualification Records, to maintain training and qualification records of DOE and contractor employees for purposes of satisfying quality assurance requirements imposed by 10 CFR part 50, Appendix B, 10 CFR part 60, subpart C, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Review Plan for High-Level Waste (HLW) Repository Quality Assurance Program Descriptions. These records will be used to verify personnel qualifications of individuals involved in all activities associated with the construction and operation of a nuclear waste repository and/or a Monitored Retrievable Storage (MRS) facility. These activities can include research and development, site characterization, transportation, waste packaging, handling, design, maintenance, performance confirmation, inspection, and fabrication conducted prior to submitting an application and obtaining a license from the NRC. Also covered under these records will be activities associated with development and production of repository waste forms. The DOE also proposes to establish routine uses for this new system that will provide access to records maintained in the system to the NRC, other Federal agencies, and state and local governments for surveillance and audits conducted by the DOE and the NRC to verify compliance with all

aspects of the Department's quality assurance program and to determine its effectiveness. In addition, certain records may be used from this system of records for disclosure to members of an advisory committee for purposes of conducting a review of the DOE epidemiological program.

System reports have been submitted to the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in accordance with subsection 552a(r) of the Privacy Act and paragraph 2a(2) of the Transmittal Memorandum No. 1 to OMB Circular A-108.

The OMB requires that a systems report be distributed no later than 60 days prior to the implementation of the announcement of a new system of records.

**DATES:** The new system of records and its routine use will become effective without further notice, 30 days after publication (September 7, 1990), unless comments are received on or before that date which would result in a contrary determination and a notice is published to that effect.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be directed to the following address: John H. Carter, Chief, Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, U.S. Department of Energy, AD-234.1, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Department of Energy, John H. Carter, Chief, Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, AD-234.1, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC (202) 586-5955  
Department of Energy, Abel Lopez, Office of General Counsel, GC-43, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC (202) 586-8618  
Department of Energy, Dwight Shelor, Office of Quality Assurance, RW-3, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC (202) 586-8858

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DOE proposes to establish a new system of records, DOE-80, "Quality Assurance Training and Qualification Records." Records maintained in the system will be used to verify that individuals involved in all activities in the construction and operation of a nuclear waste repository and/or a MRS facility, which can include research and development, site characterization, transportation, waste packaging, design, handling, maintenance, performance confirmation, inspection, fabrication, and activities associated with development and production of repository waste forms, have the

appropriate experience and education to perform the work that they have been assigned. The records will also be used to verify that individuals have received appropriate training on quality assurance requirements and procedures.

The DOE also proposes to make records maintained in this system of records available to state and local governments, the NRC, and other Federal agencies for purposes of audits conducted to satisfy the requirements of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, part 50, "Quality Assurance Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants and Fuel Reprocessing Plants", Appendix B; and the NRC Review Plan for High-Level Waste Repository Quality Assurance Program Descriptions.

The text of the system notice is set forth below. Issued in Washington, D.C. on August 2, 1990.

Jim E. Tatro,

Director of Administration and Human Resource Management.

DOE-80

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Quality Assurance Training and Qualification Records.

**SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:**

Unclassified.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Those offices listed in Appendix A, as well as the West Valley Demonstration Project, U.S. Department of Energy, PO Box 919, West Valley, New York 14171.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

DOE and contractor personnel involved in all activities leading up to and including the construction and operation of a nuclear waste repository and/or a Monitored Retrievable Storage (MRS) facility which are subject to quality assurance audits by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in relationship to its quality assurance program. Also covered under these records will be activities associated with development and production of repository waste forms.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Names, resume, assigned number, grade level, occupational series, training requests and authorizations, training evaluations, training examination, training attendance records, indoctrination and training matrix, reading assignment sheet, qualifications statement, verification records of employment and education, statement of

performance, position, education, or equivalent documents that encompass the above information.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

5 U.S.C. 301; Department of Energy Organization Act, including authorities incorporated by reference in Title III of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Executive Order 12009, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (Pub. L. 97-425), and the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-203).

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

Records are used by state and local governments, the NRC, and other Federal agencies that conduct audits to determine whether DOE and contractor personnel satisfy quality assurance requirements for activities necessary to obtain a license from the NRC for the construction and operation of a nuclear waste repository and/or a Monitored Retrievable Storage (MRS) facility. These activities will also include research and development, site characterization, transportation, waste packaging, handling, design, maintenance, performance confirmation, inspection, fabrication, and development and production of repository waste forms.

A record from this system of records may be disclosed to researchers for the purpose of conducting an epidemiologic study of workers at a DOE facility if their proposed studies have been reviewed by the National Academy of Sciences or another independent organization, and deemed appropriate for such access. A researcher granted access to this record shall be required to sign an agreement to protect the confidentiality of the data and be subject to the same restrictions applicable to DOE officers and employees under the Privacy Act.

A record from this system of records may be disclosed to members of an advisory committee for purposes of conducting a review of the DOE epidemiological program. Members of an advisory committee who obtain access to the records shall be subject to the same restrictions applicable to DOE officers and employees under the Privacy Act. Additional routine uses are 1, 4, 7, 8, and 9 listed under Appendix B, 47 FR 14284, dated April 2, 1982.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Paper records, computer disks, and microform.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Name and/or assigned number.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Records are maintained in locked cabinets. Access to computer records is by password only.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Records will be maintained and disposed in accordance with DOE Order 1324.2A, "Records Disposition" and in accordance with DOE Records Inventory Disposition Schedule.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Headquarters: Director, Office of Quality Assurance, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585 and Director, Project Operations and Control Division, Yucca Mountain Project Office, Nevada Operations Office, Phase 2, Suite 200, 101 Convention Center Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

a. Requests by an individual to determine if a system of records contains information about him/her should be directed to the Chief, Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts, Department of Energy, Washington, DC or the Privacy Act Officer at the appropriate field office identified in Appendix A; in accordance with DOE's Privacy Act regulations (10 CFR part 1006, 45 FR 61578, September 16, 1980).

b. Required identifying information: Requestor's complete name, and, if appropriate, the geographic location(s) and organization(s) where requestor believes such record may be located, date of birth, and time period related to activity.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:**

Same as Notification procedures above.

**CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURE:**

Same as Notification procedures above.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

The subject individuals, supervisors, former employers, colleagues and universities, references provided by subject individuals, and portions of data from copies of personnel action



documents and training attendance and examination files.

**SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:**

None.

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**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. TM90-12-21-000]

**Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.; Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

August 2, 1990.

Take notice that Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) on July 31, 1990, tendered for filing the following proposed changes to its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, to be effective August 1, 1990:

Third Revised Sheet Nos. 30B1 through 30B5  
Third Revised Sheet Nos. 30C1 through 30C5  
Third Revised Sheet Nos. 30D1 through 30D5  
Third Revised Sheet Nos. 30E1 through 30E5  
Third Revised Sheet Nos. 30F1 through 30F5  
Third Revised Sheet Nos. 30G1 through 30G5

Columbia states that the foregoing tariff sheets modify and supplement Columbia's previous filings in Docket Nos. RP88-187, *et al.*, in which Columbia established procedures pursuant to Order No. 500 to recover from its customers the take-or-pay and contract reformation costs billed to Columbia by its pipeline suppliers. Specifically, Columbia proposes to supplement and modify its earlier filings in Docket Nos. RP88-187, *et al.*, to permit it to flow through revised take-or-pay and contract reformation costs from:

(1) Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (Texas Eastern) pursuant to a filing made on June 1, 1990, which was accepted by Commission order issued on June 18, 1990 in Docket No. TM90-8-17. Also, Columbia proposes to remove from its tariff certain take or pay costs attributable to Texas Eastern's filings at Docket Nos. TM89-8-17, TM89-12-17 and TM90-8-17, as these costs have now been fully recovered;

(2) Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Tennessee) pursuant to a filing made on May 31, 1990, which was accepted by Commission order dated June 29, 1990 in Docket Nos. RP88-191 (re-docketed by the Commission as RP90-122); and

(3) Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company (Transco) pursuant to a filing made on March 30, 1990, which was accepted by Commission order issued on April 27, 1990 in Docket No. RP90-88. Also, Columbia proposes to remove from its tariff certain take or pay costs attributable to Transco's filing at Docket

No. RP89-163, as these costs have now been fully recovered.

Copies of the filing were served upon Columbia's jurisdictional customers, interested state commissions, and upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Commission's Secretary in Docket Nos. RP88-187, RP89-181, RP89-214, RP89-229, TM89-3-21, TM89-4-21, TM89-5-21, TM89-7-21, RP90-28, TM90-2-21, TM90-5-21, TM90-6-21, TM90-7-21, TM90-8-21, and TM90-10-21.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Union Center Plaza Building, 825 North Capitol Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before August 10, 1990. 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 Columbia's filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lola D. Casbell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP90-88-000]

**MIGC, Inc.; Informal Settlement Conference**

August 2, 1990.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in the above-docketed proceeding on September 5, 1990, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 3400-D at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Presiding Administrative Law Judge issued an order confirming procedural schedule on July 11, 1990 that provided for an informal settlement conference to convene on August 22, 1990. However, the order also provided that the parties could reschedule this conference if they wished to do so. The attending parties have subsequently agreed to reschedule the settlement conference to September 8, 1990.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c) (1989), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b) (1989), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant

to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214 (1989)).

If there are any questions, call Staff Counsel Robert L. Woods at (202) 708-0583 or Anja M. Clark at (202) 208-2034. Lola D. Casbell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. TG90-3-28-000]

**Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America; Changes in Rates**

August 2, 1990.

Take notice that on July 31, 1990, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1 (Tariff) the below listed tariff sheets to be effective September 1, 1990:

Ninetieth Revised Sheet No. 3  
Fifty-Fifth Revised Sheet No. 3A  
Thirty-Third Revised Sheet No. 5B  
Thirty-Eighth Revised Sheet No. 3C  
Eighth Revised Sheet No. 5C.1  
Eighth Revised Sheet No. 5C.2

Natural states the purpose of the instant filing is to implement Natural's quarterly PGA unit rate adjustment calculated pursuant to section 18 of the General Terms and Conditions of Natural's Tariff. The tariff sheets contain both peak and off-peak rates.

The overall effect of the quarterly adjustment when compared to the gas cost component in Natural's PGA filing in Docket No. TA90-2-28, effective June 1, 1990, is an increase in the DMQ-1 demand and commodity charges of \$0.03 and \$2834, respectively, and a decrease in the DMQ-1 entitlement charge of \$0.029. Appropriate adjustments have been made with respect to Natural's other rate schedules. No changes are required to the surcharge adjustments that were approved in Docket No. TA90-1-28, effective March 1, 1990.

Natural states that a copy of the filing is being mailed to Natural's jurisdictional sales customers and interested state regulatory agencies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with §§ 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before August 9, 1990. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make