APPENDIX "A"

DOCKET NO. G-100, SUB 37 BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Disposition of Refunds from Transco Received by North Carolina Natural Gas Company, Pennsylvania and Southern Gas Company, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., Public Service Company of North Carolina, and United Cities Gas Company

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that beginning on Tuesday, June 3, 1980, at 9:30 a.m., in the Commission Hearing Room. Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, the North Carolina **Utilities Commission will conduct** a hearing to determine the appropriate disposition of certain producer refunds received by the above-referenced companies from Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation (Transco). During the period 1958-1971, Transco collected certain producer payments from its customers, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has ordered a refund of these payments to these customers. Total refunds received by each company are as follows:

Total Refund Company North Carolina Natural Gas

\$355,687.29

Pennsylvania & Southern

40,030.97

Piedmont Natural Gas Co., Inc. 777,186.17 (Total Co.) Public Service Co. of N.C.

527,300.22

United Cities Gas Co. -

27,103.87 (N. C. & S. C.) At issue at the hearing will be whether the companies must flow the refunds back to their customers or may keep them for corporate purposes.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Mower. \$225. Call 457-4206. adv. Staff should include any information which the writer wishes to be

considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter, and such statements should be addressed to Honorable Robert Fischbach, Executive Director, Public Staff, P. O. Box 991, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602.

Persons desiring to intervene in the matter as formal parties or record should file a motion under North Carolina Utitlities Commission Rules R1-6, R1-7, and R1-19 not later than May 23, 1980. Persons desiring to present testimony or evidence for the record should advise the Commission in writing that they desire to appear at the hearing. Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their position in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, P. O. Box 991, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602. However, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to Honorable Rufus L. Edmisten, Attorney General, in care of Utilities Division, P. O. Box 629, Raleigh, North Carolina. 27602.

This the 24th day of April, 1980. NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION Sandra J. Webster, Chief Clerk

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