

Tryon Daily Bulletin, Tues., May 27, 1980

DOCKET NO. G-100, SUB 40
APPENDIX B
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BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
In The Matter of

Order Establishing Uniform
Procedures for Refunding
Overcollections to Customers
Who Are Entitled To Same and
Establishing Interest Thereon
NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

Notice is hereby given that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has instituted a rule-making proceeding to consider adoption of a revised Commission rule which would require all of the natural gas distribution companies in North Carolina who receive wholesale rate refunds from the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company (Transco) to place such refunds in an escrow account or trust account for the benefit of their customers, which account would be designed to draw the highest rate of interest then available pending refund of any such amounts to North Carolina retail customers.

The Commission proposes to revise and amend Commission Rule R1-17 (g) (10) to read as follows:

(10) Whenever the Commission issues an order permitting a rate increase to become effective pursuant to G.S. 62-135(f), said order shall clearly state and identify the wholesale rate increase upon which such retail rate increase is predicated and the effective date of such retail rate increase. Should the amount of the wholesale increase thereafter be reduced or terminated, the Applicant shall immediately file tariffs making corresponding decreases in the North Carolina retail increase. Furthermore, refunds are received from the wholesale supplier because of such change in rates, or if the tariff filing cannot be made effective on the date when such change occurs, the North Carolina gas utilities shall place these refunds or amounts in an escrow account or trust account for the benefit of their customers, which account shall be designed to draw the highest rate of interest then available. Refunds shall thereafter be made to customers at the earliest possible date pursuant to an order approving refunds issued by this Commission; provided, however, that any funds subject to refund shall also

be subject to the deduction therefrom of those unusual and extraordinary expenses which may have been incurred in administering the escrow or trust account as may be approved by the Commission.

The Commission desires to receive comments on the proposed rule from all parties who may have an interest in this matter. North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation, Pennsylvania & Southern Gas Company, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., United Cities Gas Company, and the Public Staff — North Carolina Utilities Commission have been made parties of record to this rule-making proceeding.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public 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, North Carolina Utilities Commission, P. O. Box 991, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent the using and consuming public in procedures 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.

Persons desiring to intervene in this matter as formal parties of record should file a motion under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-6, R1-7, and R1-19 not later than July 3, 1980. Written comments on the proposed rule should be filed with the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, P. O. Box 991, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602, on or before July 18, 1980.

This the 20th day of May, 1980.
NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
Sandra J. Webster,
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adv. 27, June 3.c.

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