

May 29, 2025

Ms. Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426

Re: Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC

Negotiated Rate Agreement Docket No. RP25-\_\_\_\_-000

Dear Ms. Reese:

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Pursuant to Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act ("NGA") and Part 154 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("FERC" or "Commission") regulations,¹ Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC ("Columbia") submits for filing and acceptance revised tariff section Part 1 – Table of Contents to be part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1.1 ("Tariff No. 1.1"), and one (1) tariff record containing one (1) new Rate Schedule FTS ("FTS") negotiated rate service agreement ("Agreement" or "Contract No. 319369"), included herein as Appendix A.² Columbia respectfully requests that the Commission accept the proposed tariff section and tariff record to become effective May 30, 2025, as further described below.

### Correspondence

The names, titles, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of those persons to whom correspondence and communications concerning this filing should be addressed are as follows:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 18 C.F.R. Part 154 (2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Electronic Tariff Filings, 124 FERC ¶ 61,270 (2008) ("Order No. 714"). Order No. 714 at P 42. Order No. 714 states that "Negotiated rate agreements... need not be divided, but can be filed as entire documents." Columbia has elected to file the Agreement included herein as a whole document, in PDF format.

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# Statement of Nature, Reasons and Basis for Filing

On October 31, 1996, in Docket No. RP96-390-000,<sup>3</sup> the Commission approved Section VII.46 of the General Terms and Conditions of Columbia's FERC Gas Tariff Fourth Revised Volume No. 1 ("Tariff"), which authorized Columbia to enter into negotiated rate agreements with its customers.

Columbia is filing BP Energy Company ("BP") Contract No. 319369 as an FTS negotiated rate service agreement because Columbia and BP have mutually agreed that BP shall pay a negotiated monthly demand rate of \$4.5625 per dekatherm ("Dth") for transportation service from a secondary receipt point to a secondary delivery point or from a primary receipt point to a secondary delivery point from May 30, 2025 through May 31, 2025. Additionally, the parties have agreed that BP shall pay Columbia a negotiated monthly demand rate of \$1.521 per Dth for transportation service from a primary or secondary receipt point to a primary delivery point for the term of May 30, 2025 through May 31, 2025, plus the daily index-based volumetric rate, unless Columbia and BP mutually agree to a monthly index-based volumetric rate or alternative volumetric rate in accordance with Columbia's Tariff. A Negotiated Rate Letter Agreement is attached to Contract No. 319369, which reflects the parties' agreed-upon rates and other rate provisions for firm service. Contract No. 319369 is included in Appendix A as tariff record 3.47.

Columbia advises that no undisclosed agreements, etc. are linked to the Agreement, and the Agreement included herein does not add any new provision that is either non-conforming or a material deviation from the applicable Form of Service Agreement in Columbia's Tariff.<sup>4</sup> To

<sup>\*</sup> Persons designated for official service pursuant to Rule 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, 77 FERC ¶ 61,093 (1996), order on compliance filing, 78 FERC ¶ 61,263, reh'g, 81 FERC ¶ 61,206 (1997).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Specifically, Section VIII.1 – Form of Service Agreement for Service Under: Rate Schedules FTS, NTS, NTS-S, SST, OPT, ITS, GTS, and TPS.

conform with Order No. 714, Columbia is submitting the Agreement individually and in its entirety as tariff record 3.47.5 Additionally, a revised Table of Contents is submitted herein as part of Appendix A to reflect the Agreement.

#### **Request for Waiver and Effective Date**

Columbia respectfully requests that the Commission grant all waivers of its regulations, including Section 154.207, necessary to accept the Agreement and Table of Contents, included herein as Appendix A, to become effective May 30, 2025.<sup>6</sup>

### Other Filings Which May Affect This Proceeding

There are no other filings before the Commission that may significantly affect the changes proposed herein.

#### **Contents of Filing**

In accordance with Section 154.7 of the Commission's regulations, Columbia is submitting the following via its electronic tariff filing:

- 1. This transmittal letter;
- 2. A clean version of the tariff section and tariff record (Appendix A); and
- 3. A marked version of the tariff section (Appendix B).

#### **Certificate of Service**

As required by Sections 154.7(b) and 154.208 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this filing is being served upon all of Columbia's existing customers and interested state regulatory agencies. A copy of this letter, together with any attachments, is available during regular business hours for public inspection at Columbia's principal place of business.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Consistent with Commission policy, the Agreement provides the essential elements for negotiated rate transactions, including: (1) the exact legal name of the shipper; (2) the negotiated rate; (3) the applicable rate schedule; (4) the receipt and delivery points; and (5) the contract quantities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See Statement of Policy on Alternatives to Traditional Cost-of-Service Ratemaking for Natural Gas Pipelines, 74 FERC ¶ 61,076 at 61,241-242 (1996) (indicating that the Commission will "readily grant requests to waive the 30-day requirement").

Pursuant to Section 385.2005 of the Commission's regulations, the undersigned has read this filing and knows its contents, and the contents are true as stated, to the best of his knowledge and belief. Additionally, the undersigned possesses full power and authority to sign such filing.

Any questions regarding this filing may be directed to Daniel Humble at (832) 320-5583.

Respectfully submitted,

# Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC

# /s/ Daniel Humble

Daniel Humble Manager, Tariffs

Enclosures

# Appendix A

# **Clean Tariff**

# Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1.1

**Version** 

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# Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC FERC NGA Gas Tariff **Baseline Tariffs**

Proposed Effective Date: May 30, 2025

FTS Service Agreement No. 319369-0 – BP Energy Company Option Code A

Service Agreement No. 319369
Revision No. 0

#### FTS SERVICE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 27 day of May, 2025, by and between COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION, LLC ("Transporter") and BP ENERGY COMPANY ("Shipper").

WITNESSETH: That in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Section 1. <u>Service to be Rendered</u>. Transporter shall perform and Shipper shall receive service in accordance with the provisions of the effective FTS Rate Schedule and applicable General Terms and Conditions of Transporter's FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1 ("Tariff"), on file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission"), as the same may be amended or superseded in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission. The maximum obligation of Transporter to deliver gas hereunder to or for Shipper, the designation of the points of delivery at which Transporter shall deliver or cause gas to be delivered to or for Shipper, and the points of receipt at which Shipper shall deliver or cause gas to be delivered, are specified in Appendix A, as the same may be amended from time to time by agreement between Shipper and Transporter, or in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Section 2. <u>Term.</u> Service under this Agreement shall commence as of May 30, 2025, and shall continue in full force and effect until May 31, 2025. Pre-granted abandonment shall apply upon termination of this Agreement, subject to any right of first refusal Shipper may have under the Commission's regulations and Transporter's Tariff.

Section 3. Rates. Shipper shall pay Transporter the charges and furnish Retainage as described in the above-referenced Rate Schedule, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties in writing and specified as an amendment to this Service Agreement. Transporter may agree to discount its rate to Shipper below Transporter's maximum rate, but not less than Transporter's minimum rate. Such discounted rate may apply to: (a) specified quantities (contract demand or commodity quantities); (b) specified quantities above or below a certain level or all quantities if quantities exceed a certain level; (c) quantities during specified time periods; (d) quantities at specified points, locations, or other defined geographical areas; (e) that a specified discounted rate will apply in a specified relationship to the quantities actually transported (i.e., that the reservation charge will be adjusted in a specified relationship to quantities actually transported); (f) production and/or reserves committed by the Shipper; and (g) based on a formula including, but not limited to, published index prices for specific receipt and/or delivery points or other agreed-upon pricing points, provided that the resulting rate shall be no lower than the minimum nor higher than the maximum applicable rate set forth in the Tariff. In addition, the discount agreement may include a provision that if one rate component which was at or below the applicable maximum rate at the time the discount agreement was executed subsequently exceeds the applicable maximum rate due to a change in Transporter's maximum rate so that such rate component must be adjusted downward to equal the new applicable maximum rate, then other rate components may be adjusted upward to achieve the agreed overall rate, so long as none of the resulting rate components exceed the maximum rate applicable to that rate component. Such changes to rate components shall be applied prospectively, commencing with the date a Commission order accepts revised tariff sections. However, nothing contained herein shall be construed to alter a refund obligation under applicable law for any period during which rates, which had been charged under a discount agreement, exceeded rates which ultimately are found to be just and reasonable.

Section 4. <u>Notices</u>. Notices to Transporter under this Agreement shall be addressed to it at 700 Louisiana St., Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, Attention: Commercial Operations and notices to Shipper shall be

addressed to it at BP Energy Company, 201 Helios Way, Houston, TX 77079, Attention: BP Energy Company, until changed by either party by written notice.

Section 5. <u>Superseded Agreements</u>. This Service Agreement supersedes and cancels, as of the effective date hereof, the following Service Agreement(s): N/A.

BP ENE	RGY COMPANY	COLUMBIA G	AS TRANSMISSION, LLC
Ву	Michelle Spicer	Ву	<del>cisci</del>
Title	Attorney-in-fact	Title	VP Marketing
Date	05/27/2025	Date	05/27/2025

Maximum

Minimum

# Appendix A to Service Agreement No. 319369 Under Rate Schedule FTS between Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC ("Transporter") and BP Energy Company ("Shipper").

#### Transportation Demand

End Date

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<u>Interval</u>

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## Primary Delivery Points

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	List of Interconnects ("MLI") as defined in Se listing valid secondary interruptible receipt p		and Conditions of Transporter's Tari	ff is incorporated herein by reference for
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BP ENERG	Y COMPANY	COLUMBIA G	AS TRANSMISSION, LLC	
Ву	Michelle Spicer	Ву		<u></u>
Title	Attorney-in-fact	Title	VP Marketing	
Date	05/27/2025	Date	05/27/2025	



Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC 700 Louisiana St., Suite 1300 Houston, Texas 77002

May 27, 2025

BP Energy Company 201 Helios Way Houston, TX 77079 Attention: Michelle Spicer Email: Michelle.Spicer@BP.com

> RE: FTS Service Agreement No. 319369 Negotiated Rate Letter Agreement

#### Dear Michelle:

This Negotiated Rate Letter Agreement ("NRL") between Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC ("Transporter" or "TCO") and BP Energy Company ("Shipper"), shall set forth the applicable rates and other rate provisions associated with the transportation service provided by Transporter to Shipper pursuant to the above-referenced Service Agreement. Transporter and Shipper may be referred to individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties".

Shipper and Transporter hereby agree:

- 1. The "Negotiated Reservation Rates" during the term for the transportation service provided shall be those rates and terms agreed upon as set forth in the ATTACHMENT A attached hereto.
- 2. In addition to payment of the reservation rate as set forth in Paragraph 1, Shipper must pay all applicable commodity charges, commodity surcharges, overrun charges and retainage charges set forth in Transporter's FERC Gas Tariff as they may change from time to time. These charges are allowed costs that shall be included in the calculation mechanisms highlighted under Items 1-3 shown below.
- 3. Required Approvals. This NRL, together with the Agreement will be filed with the FERC and shall be subject to FERC's acceptance on terms acceptable to Transporter in its sole discretion. If any terms of this NRL are disallowed by any order, rulemaking, regulation or policy of the FERC, Transporter may terminate this NRL with no further notice to Shipper. If any terms of the Agreement are in any way modified by order, rulemaking, regulation or policy of the FERC, Transporter and Shipper may mutually agree to modify this NRL with the goal of ensuring that the original commercial intent of the parties is preserved. If the parties cannot mutually

agree to modifications hereto, Transporter reserves the right to terminate this NRL with no further notice to Shipper. Transporter will have no liability for any costs incurred by Shipper or related to the service rendered or contemplated to be rendered hereunder.

Accepted and agreed to this 27 day of May 2025.

BP Energy Company
By: Michelle Spicer
Title: Attorney-in-fact
Date: 05/27/2025
Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC
By:
Title: VP Marketing
05/27/2025
Date: 05/27/2025
Date: <b>03/2/12023</b> CB DR

#### ATTACHMENT A

#### **NEGOTIATED RESERVATION RATES**

Primary Receipt Point(s)*	Primary Delivery Point(s)*	Transportation Demand (Dth/day)	Term	Demand Rate	Commodity Rate	Rate Schedule
MVPWB Columbia WB (MVPWB)	TCO Pool (P10)	30,000 Dth/day	May 30, 2025 – May 31, 2025	*/**	Maximum applicable recourse commodity rate as may be amended from time to time	FTS

<sup>\*</sup> For transportation service from a secondary receipt point to a secondary delivery point or from a primary receipt point to a secondary delivery point, such service shall be subject to the terms and conditions of Transporter's FERC Gas Tariff as amended from time to time, and the Monthly Demand Rate shall be \$4.5625/dth from May 30, 2025 through May 31, 2025.

#### 1. Daily Index-Based Volumetric Rate:

Index-Based Volumetric Rate = Net Daily Spread where:

Shipper agrees to pay Transporter 50% of the value derived from the following spread:

Net Daily Spread = Columbia Gas, App. minus (Transco, station 165 + \$0.15) minus Applicable Retainage minus Applicable Commodity Charges minus Applicable Demand Charges.

Transco, station 165 = The daily Index price for Transco, station 165, as published in Platts Final Gas Daily Price Survey Midpoint for the gas day of scheduled transportation.

<sup>\*\*</sup>For transportation service from a primary or secondary receipt point to a primary delivery point, Shipper agrees to pay to Transporter a Monthly Demand Rate of \$1.521/Dth for the term of May 30, 2025 through May 31, 2025 plus the Daily Index-Based Volumetric Rate set forth in Section 1, unless Transporter and Shipper mutually agree to a Monthly Index-Based Volumetric Rate set forth in Section 2, or an Alternative Volumetric Rate set forth in Section 3.

Columbia Gas, App. = The daily Index price for Columbia Gas, App. as published in Platts Final Gas Daily Price Survey Midpoint for the gas day of scheduled transportation.

If the amount calculated on any given day results in a negative value, the amount due to Transporter on that day shall not be less than \$0.00. If the amount calculated on any given day results in a negative value, and the Shipper elects to ship, the amount due to Shipper on that day shall not be less than \$0.00. The value calculated each day shall be independent from the value calculated for every other day.

## 2. Monthly Index-Based Volumetric Rate:

Transporter and Shipper may alternately mutually agree to a Monthly Index-Based Volumetric Rate for all, or a portion of the quantities scheduled under this Agreement.

Index-Based Volumetric Rate = Net Monthly Spread where:

Shipper agrees to pay Transporter 50% of the value derived from the following spread:

Net Monthly Spread = Columbia Gas, Appalachia minus (Transco, station 165 +\$0.15) minus Applicable Retainage minus Applicable Commodity Charges minus Applicable Demand Charges.

Transco, station 165 = The Inside FERC first of month price for Transco, station 165 as published in Platts Inside FERC's Gas Market Report First of Month.

Columbia Gas, Appalachia = The Inside FERC first of month price for Columbia Gas, Appalachia as published in Platts Inside FERC's Gas Market Report First of Month.

If the amount calculated in any given month results in a negative value, the amount due to Transporter for that month shall not be less than \$0.00. The value calculated each month shall be independent from the value calculated for every other month.

#### 3. Alternative Volumetric Rate:

Transporter and Shipper may alternately mutually agree to a positive Alternative Volumetric Rate(s) for all, or a portion of the quantities contracted under this agreement.

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# **Marked Tariff**

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