DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Revisions to Oil Pipeline Regulations Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992; Notice of Annual Change in the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods

May 17, 2005.

The Commission’s regulations include a methodology for oil pipelines to change their rates through use of an index system that establishes ceiling levels for such rates. The Commission bases the index system, found at 18 CFR §342.3, on the annual change in the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods (PPI–FG). This rule now provides that pipelines should use PPI–FG as the oil pricing index factor, 18 CFR §342.3(d)(2). The Commission determined in an order on remand issued February 24, 2003, that the PPI–FG without the minus 1 percent is the appropriate oil pricing index factor for pipelines to use.

The regulations provide that the Commission will publish annually, an index figure reflecting the final change in the PPI–FG, after the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes the final PPG–FG in May of each calendar year. The annual average PPI–FG index figure for 2003 was 143.3. The annual average PPI–FG index figure for 2004 was 148.5. Thus, the percent change (expressed as a decimal) in the annual average PPI–FG from 2003 to 2004 is positive .036288.

Oil pipelines must multiply their July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005, index ceiling levels by positive 1.036288 to compute their index ceiling levels for July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, in accordance with 18 CFR §342.3(d). For guidance in calculating the ceiling levels for each 12 month period beginning January 1, 1995 see Explorer Pipeline Company, 71 FERC 61,416 at n.6 (1995).

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Promoting Regional Transmission Planning and Expansion To Facilitate Fuel Diversity Including Expanded Uses of Coal-Fired Resources: Post-Technical Conference Notice Inviting Comments

May 18, 2005.

On May 13, 2005, the Commission convened a technical conference in Charleston, West Virginia, in order to identify regional solutions to promote regional transmission planning, expansion and enhancement to facilitate fuel diversity including increased integration of coal-fired resources to the transmission grid. As announced at the conclusion of the conference, entities are invited to file comments in the above-captioned docket on the topics discussed at the conference. Comments are due on May 27, 2005.

For a listing of all prior multipliers issued by the Commission, see the Commission’s website, www.ferc.gov. The table of multipliers can be found under the headings “Oil” and “Index.”