national basis," or "result in the unavailability" in the State of any covered product's "performance characteristics (including reliability), features, sizes, capacities, and volumes that are substantially the same as those generally available in the State at the time of the Secretary's finding, except that the failure of some classes (or types) to meet this criterion shall not affect the Secretary's determination of whether to prescribe a rule for other classes (or types)." (42 U.S.C. 6297(d)(3) and (4)) To evaluate whether the State regulation will create a significant burden, the Secretary is to consider "all relevant factors," including the following:

- (A) The extent to which the State regulation will increase manufacturing or distribution costs of manufacturers, distributors, and others;
- (B) The extent to which the State regulation will disadvantage smaller manufacturers, distributors, or dealers or lessen competition in the sale of the covered product in the State;
- (C) The extent to which the State regulation would cause a burden to manufacturers to redesign and produce the covered product type (or class), taking into consideration the extent to which the regulation would result in a reduction—
- (i) In the current models, or in the projected availability of models, that could be shipped on the effective date of the regulation to the State and within the United States; or
- (ii) In the current or projected sales volume of the covered product type (or class) in the State and the United States; and
- (D) The extent to which the State regulation is likely to contribute significantly to a proliferation of State appliance efficiency requirements and the cumulative impact such requirements would have. (U.S.C. 6297(d)(3)(A) through (D))

C. Submission of Comments

DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this notice no later than the date provided at the beginning of the notice. Please submit comments, data, and information electronically. Send them to the following e-mail address: MAExemptPetition@ee.doe.gov. Submit electronic comments in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, PDF, or text (ASCII) file format and avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption. Identify comments in electronic format by the docket number EERE-BT-PET-0024 and wherever possible include the electronic signature of the author. DOE does not accept telefacsimiles (faxes).

In accordance with 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit two copies: one copy of the document including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document with the information believed to be confidential deleted. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination.

Factors of interest to DOE when evaluating requests to treat submitted information as confidential include: (1) A description of the items; (2) whether and why such items are customarily treated as confidential within the industry; (3) whether the information is generally known by or available from other sources; (4) whether the information has previously been made available to others without obligation concerning its confidentiality; (5) an explanation of the competitive injury to the submitting person which would result from public disclosure; (6) when such information might lose its confidential character due to the passage of time; and (7) why disclosure of the information would be contrary to the public interest.

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Cathy Zoi,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AC10-12-000]

Black Marlin Pipeline Company; Notice of Filing

January 21, 2010.

Take notice that on November 4, 2009, Black Marlin Pipeline Company submitted a request for a waiver of the reporting requirement to provide its certified public accountant (CPA) certification statement for the FERC Form No. 2–A for 2009.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214). 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at http://www.ferc.gov. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at http://www.ferc.gov, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: February 1, 2010.

Kimberly Bose,

Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AC10-23-000]

Empire Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Filing

January 21, 2010.

Take notice that on December 1, 2009, Empire Pipeline, Inc. submitted a request for a waiver of the reporting requirement to provide its certified public accountant (CPA) certification statement for the FERC Form No. 2 for 2009 on the basis of the calendar year ending December 31, 2009, because it utilizes a fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to