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*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM93-11-000]

#### 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

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), minus point two one percent (PPI-FG-0.21%). The Commission determined in the January 2022 Order<sup>1</sup> that PPI-FG-0.21% is the appropriate oil pricing index factor for pipelines to use for this period.

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 PPI-FG in May of each calendar year. The annual average PPI-FG index figures were 221.0 for 2021 and 250.9 for 2022.<sup>2</sup> Thus, the percent change (expressed as a decimal) in the annual average PPI-FG from 2021 to 2022, minus 0.21 percent, is positive 0.133194.<sup>3</sup> Oil pipelines must multiply their July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, index ceiling

<sup>1</sup> *Five-Year Rev. of the Oil Pipeline Index*, 178 FERC ¶ 61,023, at P 105 (January 2022 Order), *reh'g denied*, 179 FERC ¶ 61,100 (2022).

<sup>2</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) publishes the final figure in mid-May of each year. This figure is publicly available from the Division of Industrial Prices and Price Indexes of the BLS, at 202-691-7705, and in print in August in Table 1 of the annual data supplement to the BLS publication *Producer Price Indexes* via the internet at <http://www.bls.gov/ppi/home.htm>. To obtain the BLS data, scroll down to "PPI Databases" and click on "Top Picks" of the Commodity Data including "headline" FD-ID indexes (Producer Price Index—PPI). At the next screen, under the heading "PPI Commodity Data," select the box, "Finished goods—WPUFD49207," then scroll to the bottom of this screen and click on Retrieve data.

<sup>3</sup>  $[250.9 - 221.0] / 221.0 = 0.135294 - 0.0021 = 0.133194$ .

levels<sup>4</sup> by positive 1.133194<sup>5</sup> to compute their index ceiling levels for July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, in accordance with 18 CFR 342.3(d). For guidance in calculating the ceiling levels for each 12-month period beginning January 1, 1995,<sup>6</sup> see *Explorer Pipeline Company*, 71 FERC ¶ 61,416, at n.6 (1995).

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Staff Attendance at North American Electric Reliability Corporation Standard Drafting Team Meetings

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that members of the Commission and/or Commission staff may attend the following meetings:

North American Electric Reliability Corporation Project 2021-07 Extreme Cold Weather Grid Operations,

<sup>4</sup> See January 2022 Order, 178 FERC ¶ 61,023 at P 106 (directing oil pipelines to recompute their July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 index ceiling levels to be effective March 1, 2022), *reh'g denied*, 179 FERC ¶ 61,100 at P 8; see also *Revisions to Oil Pipeline Reguls. Pursuant to the Energy Pol'y Act of 1992*, 178 FERC ¶ 61,046 (2022).

<sup>5</sup>  $1 + 0.133194 = 1.133194$ .

<sup>6</sup> For a listing of all prior multipliers issued by the Commission, see the Commission's website, <https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/oil/general-information/oil-pipeline-index>.

Preparedness, Coordination Standard Drafting Team Meetings:

May 30, 2023 (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. eastern time)

June 1, 2023 (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. eastern time)

June 6, 2023 (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. eastern time)

June 8, 2023 (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. eastern time)

June 15, 2023 (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. eastern time)

June 20, 2023 (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. eastern time)

June 22, 2023 (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. eastern time)

June 27, 2023 (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. eastern time)

June 29, 2023 (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. eastern time)

Further information regarding these meetings may be found at: <https://www.nerc.com/Pages/Calendar.aspx>.

The discussions at the meetings, which are open to the public, may address matters at issue in the following Commission proceeding:

Docket Nos. RD23-1-000, RD23-1-001  
Extreme Cold Weather Reliability Standards EOP-011-3 and EOP-012-1.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP23-476-000]

#### Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on May 9, 2023, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request for authorization, in accordance with section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, and part 157 sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations under the Natural Gas Act and Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000 for authorization to abandon one injection/withdrawal well, connecting pipeline, and appurtenances located in the Ripley