

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman;
Sudeen G. Kelly, Marc Spitzer,
Philip D. Moeller, and Jon Wellinghoff.

BP Pipelines (Alaska) Inc.
ConocoPhillips Transportation Alaska, Inc. Docket No. OR06-10-000
ExxonMobil Pipeline Company
Koch Alaska Pipeline Company
Unocal Pipeline Company

ORDER ESTABLISHING CONCURRENT HEARINGS

(Issued November 21, 2006)

1. On July 28, 2006, the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) Carriers filed a notice of Radical Alteration in Basis for West Coast Heavy Distillate Price Quotation and Recommended Replacement Price (Replacement Notice) with this Commission and with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA). The Replacement Notice proposed to change the proxy price used to value the West Coast Heavy Distillate cut of the TAPS Quality Bank. On September 26, 2006, we issued an order concluding there was insufficient information to resolve the issues raised by the comments, accepting the proposed replacement price subject to refund, and setting the processing cost adjustment for hearing.¹ On the same day the RCA issued an order in Docket No. P-06-10 adopting our order.
2. Subsequently, ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc., filed a motion in both dockets for the Commission and the RCA to convene concurrent hearings. ConocoPhillips states that in the past when the same issue has been involved in both the Interstate and Intrastate Quality Bank proceedings, the Commission and the RCA adopted concurrent hearing procedures. ConocoPhillips also states that no party to the two proceedings opposes concurrent hearings. No one filed in opposition to ConocoPhillips's motion.
3. With the agreement of the RCA, we direct that concurrent hearings be held with the RCA, as has been done in prior TAPS evidentiary hearings. We also direct the Commission's presiding judge to confer with the RCA's presiding judge on appropriate

¹ *BP Pipelines (Alaska) Inc., et al.*, 116 FERC ¶ 61,291 (2006).

procedures for holding the concurrent hearings in Alaska, if the RCA so agrees. The procedures adopted in the initial TAPS quality bank order issued on December 19, 1989,² which are consistent with the requirements of section 385.1305 of the Commission's regulations,³ will apply to the concurrent hearings. In addition, the assigned presiding judges will be permitted to confer on matters of substance, as well as procedure, and should attempt to agree on uniform decisions. Consistent with section 385.1305(e) of the Commission's regulations, before the Commission or the RCA enters any order in these concurrent proceedings, opportunity will be afforded for conference between the Commission and the RCA.

The Commission orders:

With the agreement of the RCA, concurrent hearings with the RCA will be held in Docket No. OR06-10-000 and RCA Docket No. P-06-10, as described in the body of this order.

By the Commission.

(S E A L)

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

² See *Trans Alaska Pipeline System*, 49 FERC ¶ 61,349 (1989).

³ 18 C.F.R. § 385.1305 (2006).