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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.

Pipeline Posting Requirements under  
Section 23 of the Natural Gas Act

Docket No. RM08-2-000

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

(Issued January 15, 2009)

1. On November 20, 2008, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued a Final Rule in Order No. 720,<sup>1</sup> which amended Part 284 of its regulations to require, in relevant part, major non-interstate natural gas pipelines to post, on a daily basis, certain information regarding scheduled volumes of natural gas to be transported. Major non-interstate pipelines were required to comply with Order No. 720 within 150 days following publication of the order in the *Federal Register*.<sup>2</sup>
2. On December 11, 2008, the American Gas Association (AGA) filed a Motion for an Extension of Time to Comply with Order No. 720. AGA further requested expedited treatment of its motion. Answers in support of the motion were subsequently filed by the Texas Pipeline Association (TPA), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), and Shell Offshore Inc. (Shell). These parties seek an extension of time for major non-interstate pipelines to comply with the requirements of Order No. 720.
3. The Commission grants an extension of time as requested in the motion and supported in the answers. In particular, we find the answers submitted by commenters to be persuasive. The commenters argue that some major non-interstate pipelines will need additional time in which to determine which receipt and delivery points are subject to the posting requirements, obtain corporate approval for expenditures needed for compliance,

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<sup>1</sup> *Pipeline Posting Requirements under Section 23 of the Natural Gas Act*, Order No. 720, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,283 (2008).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* P 168.

and develop internet posting systems. Additionally, we agree that some compliance activities may be premature prior to the issuance of an order on rehearing of Order No. 720.

4. Therefore, we grant an extension of time for major non-interstate pipelines to comply with the requirements of Order No. 720 until 150 days following the issuance of an order addressing the pending requests for rehearing. We do not modify the deadline by which interstate pipelines must comply with the requirements of Order No. 720. Interstate pipelines must begin posting relevant information regarding no-notice service within 60 days following the publication of Order No. 720 in the *Federal Register*.

The Commission orders:

Major non-interstate pipelines must comply with the requirements of Order No. 720 within 150 days following the issuance of an order on rehearing in this proceeding.

By the Commission.

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Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.