

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Regulations Governing the Conduct of  
Open Seasons for Alaska Natural Gas  
Transportation Projects

Docket No. RM05-1-000

NOTICE OF  
ALASKA NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS  
OPEN SEASON PRE-FILING WORKSHOP

(January 5, 2010)

On January 12, 2010, the Staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will hold a workshop on the procedures and process for commenting upon and holding an open season for an Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Project. The Workshop is being hosted by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

In 2005, in the above-referenced docket, FERC enacted regulations under the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act which established the procedures for conducting open seasons for the purpose of making binding commitments for the acquisition of capacity on Alaskan natural gas transportation projects. Both Denali - The Alaska Gas Pipeline LLC and TransCanada Alaska Company LLC - Alaska Pipeline Project have publicly stated that they intend to hold open seasons for their respective Alaskan natural gas transportation projects in 2010.

Under FERC's open season regulations, prior to conducting an open season for an Alaskan natural gas transportation project, each project sponsor is required to submit a detailed open season plan to FERC. After receiving the project sponsor's open season plan, FERC will issue a notice requesting public comments on the open season plan and explain the procedure for submitting such comments. Absent unusual circumstances, FERC will act on the open season plan within 60 days its submission by the project sponsor.

Both of these project sponsors have initiated FERC's pre-filing process, which is typically focused on FERC's environmental review of a project. However in this instance, the pre-filing process also includes FERC's review, approval, and oversight of the project sponsors' open season. FERC Staff is holding this Open Season Pre-Filing Workshop to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about and discuss the procedures and process for commenting upon and holding an open season.

The workshop will be held on January 12, 2010, from 1pm to 5pm (AST) at :

Tikhatnu Ballroom D  
Anchorage Convention Center  
DENAINA CIVIC AND CONVENTION CENTER,  
600 West Seventh Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501

All interested parties may attend. The workshop will not be transcribed by the FERC Staff. Telephone participation will be available; Conference call participants should call in to 1-800-315-6338 and enter code 8800# .

The agenda for the Open Season Pre-Filing Workshop is attached. For additional information concerning this event, please contact Richard Foley at 202-502-8325 or Mary O'Driscoll at 202-502-8625.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

**Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects  
Open Season Pre-Filing Workshop**

**Agenda**

- 1:00 pm – Welcome and Opening Remarks  
Anne Brown, Deputy State Pipeline Coordinator for the State of Alaska
- 1:15 pm – Explanation of FERC Open Season Policy and Alaskan Open Season Rules  
Richard Foley, FERC Staff, Lead Certificate Manager for Alaskan Projects
- 2:15 pm – Explanation FERC’s Electronic Records and Filing System  
Todd Ruhkamp, FERC Staff, Senior Certificate Analyst
- 2:45 pm – Break
- 3:00 pm – Questions and Discussion
- 4:45 pm – Closing Remarks and Adjourn