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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Cheryl A. LaFleur, Chairman;  
Philip D. Moeller, Tony Clark,  
Norman C. Bay, and Colette D. Honorable.

Orbit Gas Storage, Inc.

Docket No. CP08-409-000

ORDER VACATING CERTIFICATE

(Issued February 27, 2015)

1. On February 5, 2009, the Commission authorized Orbit Gas Storage, Inc. (Orbit) pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)<sup>1</sup> to construct and operate the Kentucky Energy Hub Project, a new natural gas storage facility in Hopkins County, Kentucky (2009 Order). The 2009 Order also issued Orbit a blanket transportation certificate under Subpart G of Part 284 of the regulations<sup>2</sup> and a blanket construction certificate under Subpart F of Part 157 of the regulations.<sup>3</sup>
2. The 2009 Order required Orbit to complete construction of the proposed facilities and place them into service within one year of the date of the order, i.e., by February 5, 2010. Commission staff granted Orbit three extensions of time to complete and place the authorized facilities in service.<sup>4</sup>
3. On February 5, 2015, Orbit filed a request to vacate the certificate authorizations granted in the 2009 Order. Orbit states that due to changed market conditions for storage, it does not intend to pursue the Kentucky Energy Hub Project at this time. Orbit requests that its certificate authorizations be vacated without prejudice to its right to file a new application if it again believes the project is viable.

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717f(c) (2012).

<sup>2</sup> 18 C.F.R. 284, Subpart G (2014).

<sup>3</sup> 18 C.F.R. 157, Subpart F (2014).

<sup>4</sup> By letter orders dated January 6, 2010, January 31, 2012 and January 16, 2014, Commission staff extended the in-service deadline to February 5, 2012, February 5, 2014 and February 5, 2015, respectively.

4. Since Orbit does not intend to construct and operate the storage facilities, we will vacate the certificate issued in the 2009 Order. We will also vacate the Part 284, Subpart G blanket transportation certificate and the Part 157, Subpart F blanket construction certificate.

The Commission orders:

The certificate authorizations issued to Orbit in the 2009 Order in Docket No. CP08-409-000 are vacated.

By the Commission.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,  
Deputy Secretary.