

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

STAFF NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

(October 26, 2012)

Take notice that in a nonpublic preliminary investigation pursuant to 18 C.F.R. Part 1b, the staff of the Office of Enforcement of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has preliminarily determined that Alliance Pipeline L.P. (Alliance) violated multiple provisions of the Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers, section 358 of the Commission's regulations. 18 C.F.R. § 358 (2012).

Staff alleges that in conducting an auction for the sale of natural gas transportation service, Alliance violated the non-discrimination requirement, 18 C.F.R. § 358.4(b) (2012), by disclosing directly and in advance to its parent companies and affiliates, but not to other transmission customers, non-public transmission information and by waiving certain auction qualification requirements for an affiliate bidder. Staff further alleges that Alliance violated the Commission's no-conduit rule, 18 C.F.R. § 358.6 (2012), by using employees of a parent company to pass non-public transmission function information to marketing function employees at an affiliate. Finally, staff alleges that Alliance violated the Commission's transparency rule, 18 C.F.R. § 358.7(a)(1) (2012), by failing to post the non-public transmission function information on its internet web site after such non-public information had been disclosed to its parent companies and affiliates.

This Notice does not confer a right on third parties to intervene in the investigation or any other right with respect to the investigation.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Enforcement of Statutes, Regulations, and Orders*, 129 FERC ¶ 61,247 (2009), *order on reh'g*, 134 FERC ¶ 61,054 (2011).