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This is the second edition of the Staff Oil Pipeline Handbook. It was first published in January 1987 by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to provide practitioners of energy law with a single resource which contained all the relevant statutes, regulations and case materials dealing with oil pipelines. The first edition of the Staff Oil Pipeline Handbook was reprinted three times to meet demand. It has been relied upon by the attorneys on the Commission's trial and advisory staffs as well as by technical staff at the agency. It has been widely distributed within the agency and was sold to the public between 1987 and 1990. For the past 14 months it has been out-of-print.

The second edition of the Staff Oil Pipeline Handbook has been expanded and updated. Based on feed-back from users of the first edition and experience gained since it was first published I have revised the format and contents of this second edition. Hopefully it will be useful to the agency, the energy bar, as well as the general public.

The handbook is now divided into two volumes. Volume One contains the statute, the applicable FERC regulations and the U.S. Department of Justice Report on Oil Pipeline Deregulation. A small amount of legislative history concerning the transfer of oil pipeline regulation from the Interstate Commerce Commission to the FERC is also reproduced.

Volume Two is a collection of Commission and Court decisions concerning oil pipeline matters. Volume Two begins with the Farmers Union I decision (*Farmers Union Central Exchange, et al. v. FERC*, 584 F.2d 408 (1978) and concludes with Opinion No. 360-A (*Buckeye Pipe Line Co., L.P.*, 55 FERC ¶ 61,084 (1991)). It is roughly chronological and includes both substantive decisions and significant procedural orders.

The format of the Handbook has been changed so as to facilitate citation to statutory materials, regulations and case law. Every effort has been taken to assure the accuracy of all materials in the Handbook.

It is my hope that this Oil Pipeline Handbook will be useful to all those interested in research concerning the regulation of "the transportation of oil by pipeline."

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