

INTRODUCTION

This is the fifth volume of the Staff Oil Pipeline Handbook. The first volume was published in January 1987 by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) to provide practitioners of oil pipeline federal regulatory law with a convenient source which contained all the then relevant statutes and regulations dealing with oil pipeline regulation at the FERC. Volume One proved extremely popular.

Subsequently, in January 1992, a second volume of the Staff Oil Pipeline Handbook was published. It updated Volume One by adding important Commission and Court decisions concerning oil pipeline matters. It was widely distributed within the FERC, the energy bar, the oil pipeline industry, and to the general public. The third volume was published in January 1998 as a sequel to the second volume. Volume Three included fourteen orders significant to oil pipeline regulation at the FERC.

Volume Four was published in June 2005. It contained twenty-five orders important to oil pipeline regulation at the Commission. As was the case with the earlier three volumes, Volume Four was useful to practitioners.

The instant Volume Five covers the nine-year period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2014. It contains sixty-six Commission orders, letter orders and Court decisions regarding oil pipeline regulation at the Commission. Because of the number of decisions, we have divided Volume Five into two documents, Volume V-A and Volume V-B. Volume Five does not address market-based rate matters as we anticipate separate treatment of such matters. The decisions address a range of issues including but not limited to index-based rate increases, the contours of FERC's oil pipeline jurisdiction under the Interstate Commerce Act, composition of proxy groups to determine return on equity, and prorating rate structures. The Office of Administrative Litigation has prepared brief summaries of decisions and those summaries do not reflect the views of the Commission, or any individual Commissioner. We thank our colleagues in the Office of Energy Market Regulation, the Office of the General Counsel, and the Energy Bar Association for work developing this compilation. We hope that this Volume Five in the Staff Oil Pipeline Handbook series of works will prove as useful to those interested in the regulation of oil pipelines by the FERC as the first four volumes.

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