

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Pat Wood, III, Chairman;  
William L. Massey, and Nora Mead Brownell.

Crossroads Pipeline Company

Docket Nos. RP00-333-004  
RP01-51-003

ORDER ON CLARIFICATION

(Issued July 23, 2003)

1. On June 23, 2003, Crossroads Pipeline Company (Crossroads) sought clarification or, in the alternative, rehearing of the Commission's order issued on May 23, 2002.<sup>1</sup> In that order, the Commission accepted tariff sheets that Crossroads filed to fully comply with Order No. 637 and addressed its earlier rehearing request. As discussed below, we grant Crossroads request for clarification, and dismiss its request for rehearing as moot.

**Background**

2. On June 15, 2000, as revised on August 9, 2001, Crossroads filed pro forma tariff sheets in compliance with Order No. 637. Additionally, as a result of becoming affiliated with Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia Gas) and Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf), Crossroads requested permission "to adopt an implementation schedule which takes into account the time and resources required to develop a common computer system."<sup>2</sup>

3. On July 3, 2002, the Commission found that Crossroads generally complied with the requirements of Order No. 637.<sup>3</sup> However, the Commission directed Crossroads to revise its tariff to make certain compliance changes in the areas of scheduling equality,

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<sup>1</sup>Crossroads Pipeline Co., 103 FERC ¶ 61,224 (2003) (May 23 Order).

<sup>2</sup>August 9, 2001 Transmittal letter at p. 11.

<sup>3</sup>Crossroads Pipeline Co., 100 FERC ¶ 61,025 (2002) (July 3 Order).

segmentation, discount portability, and shipper penalties. On August 2, 2002, Crossroads filed revised tariff sheets to comply with the July 3 Order and reiterated its request to synchronize its implementation of the Order No. 637 requirements in tandem with Columbia Gas and Columbia Gulf, its affiliates.

4. On May 23, 2003, the Commission accepted Crossroads' revised tariff sheets effective May 23, 2003 and addressed an earlier request for rehearing that Crossroads filed. The Commission, however, did not address Crossroads' request to implement the Order No. 637 requirements in tandem with its sister pipelines, Columbia Gas and Columbia Gulf.

### **Request for Clarification**

5. Crossroads requests that the Commission clarify that Crossroads may implement segmentation at the same time as Columbia Gas and Columbia Gulf.

6. As originally proposed, the three pipelines planned to create an integrated computer system to handle various administrative and operational processes for the pipelines, and stated that this system was projected to start by June 1, 2003. However, on May 30, 2003, a week after the May 23 Order issued in this proceeding, the pipelines filed a status report with the Commission indicating that its implementation plan needed revising. Crossroads explains that it was not feasible to complete the system changes required to implement segmentation under the original implementation plan.<sup>4</sup> Instead, Crossroads projects that the roll-out of the system will now occur during the Spring of 2004.

7. Crossroads states that under the revised implementation schedule, all three pipelines will test the computer system prior to its anticipated roll-out and train their customers on the new segmentation rules and procedures. However, if the synchronized implementation schedule is not followed, Crossroads warns that the programming of the system would not only be inefficient, but could jeopardize the overall timely implementation for all three pipelines. Therefore, Crossroads requests clarification that it may implement segmentation in tandem with its sister pipelines in accordance with the revised implementation plan.

### **Discussion**

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<sup>4</sup>In the status report, the pipelines stated that because the implementation of segmentation requires changes to common computer systems, until the Columbia Gas segmentation proposal is finalized, the three pipelines cannot finalize segmentation for Columbia Gulf and Crossroads.

8. Upon review of the revised implementation plan, the Commission finds that the common computer system used by Crossroads and its sister pipelines may not be able to handle requests for segmentation at this time. In light of the continued development of this integrated computer system, the Commission will grant Crossroads' request to implement segmentation in tandem with its sister pipelines, and in accordance with the revised implementation plan. Accordingly, Crossroads must, within 15 days, revise the previously accepted tariff sheets to eliminate any segmentation provisions that will not be implemented until April 1, 2004.<sup>5</sup> However, if Crossroads is unable to implement segmentation on its system by April 1, 2004, we will require Crossroads to file an updated status report fully explaining the reason for any further delay.

The Commission orders:

(A) Crossroads' request for clarification is hereby granted and its request for rehearing is hereby dismissed as moot.

(B) Within 15 days of the date this order issues, Crossroads must file revised tariff sheets as discussed in the body of this order.

By the Commission.

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Magalie R. Salas,  
Secretary.

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<sup>5</sup>See Columbia Gulf Transmission Co., 104 FERC ¶ 61,035 at P 57 (2003).