

(ii) Should oil pipelines adopting this option also be required to maintain their complete tariffs on their respective Web sites for the benefit of their customers? How much information, in addition to effective tariffs, should the Web sites include, such as filed but not yet effective tariffs, cancelled, suspended or withdrawn tariffs? Should these Web sites be required to show the dates of status changes, FERC docket numbers and FERC order information?

12. Comments related to the oil pipeline tariff filing approach should be included in comments related to the regulatory text of the July 8 NOPR which are due August 1, 2005.

#### *Procedural Schedule*

13. Staff presented at the June 1, 2005, Technical Conference an incomplete electronic tariff data base and tariff filing system. The software is being improved to incorporate, where practicable, items and features identified at the conference. Staff will continue to develop the software using the "spiral development" methodology and consult with volunteer test companies. Staff will also continue to be available for additional software discussions or meetings with the industry. Once the changes to the Commission's software have been completed, a second technical conference will be held within a few months. Comments on the non-regulatory text portion of the proposal are anticipated to be due within 60 days after the conference. A notice will be issued announcing a date for the second technical conference and establishing a comment date.

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Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### 18 CFR Part 342

[Docket No. RM05-22-000]

#### Five-Year Review of Oil Pipeline Pricing Index

July 6, 2005.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of inquiry.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) invites comments on its five-year review

of the oil pipeline pricing index, established in Order No. 561, Revisions to Oil Pipeline Regulations Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992, FERC Stats. & Regs. [Regs. Preambles, 1991-1996] ¶ 30,985 (1993). Specifically, the Commission proposes to use the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods (PPI) as the index for oil pipeline rate changes in the next five-year period, commencing July 1, 2006. Commentors are invited to submit and justify alternatives to the continued use of the PPI.

**DATES:** Written comments on this Notice of Inquiry are due on September 13, 2005. Reply comments must be received by the Commission 30 days after the filing date for initial comments.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be filed electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Commentors unable to file comments electronically must send an original and 14 copies of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Refer to the Comment Procedures section of the NOI for additional information on how to file comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Harris S. Wood, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. (202) 208-8224.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Notice of Inquiry**

1. In this notice of inquiry (NOI), the Commission invites comments on its intended utilization of the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods (PPI)<sup>1</sup> for oil pipeline rate changes during the next five years.<sup>2</sup> This index was adopted by the Commission in its order of February 23, 2003, "Five-Year Review of Oil Pricing Index and Order on Remand," and affirmed by the U.S.

<sup>1</sup> The PPI represents the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods, also written PPI-FG. The PPI-FG is determined and issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. Pursuant to 18 CFR 342.3(d)(2), "The index will be calculated by dividing the PPI-FG for the calendar year immediately preceding the index year by the previous calendar year's PPI-FG." Multiplying the rate ceiling on June 30 of the index year by the resulting number gives the rate ceiling for the year beginning the next day, July 1.

<sup>2</sup> The five-year review process was established in Order No. 561. See *Revisions to Oil Pipeline Regulations Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992*, FERC Stats. & Regs. [Regs. Preambles, 1991-1996] ¶ 30,985 (1993), 58 FR 58753 (Nov. 4, 1993); *order on reh'g*, Order No. 561-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. [Regs. Preambles, 1991-1996] ¶ 31,000 (1994), 59 FR 40243 (Aug. 8, 1994), *affirmed*, *Association of Oil Pipelines v. FERC*, 83 F.3d 1424 (D.C. Cir. 1996).

Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.<sup>3</sup> The Commission proposes to continue to apply PPI to oil pipelines' rate ceiling levels to derive the next year's ceiling levels effective July 1, 2006.<sup>4</sup>

#### *I. Background*

2. In Order No. 561, the Commission established an index methodology to regulate changes to oil pipeline rates, and adopted an index of PPI minus one percent (PPI-1) as the most appropriate index to track oil pipeline industry cost changes from one year to the next. The Commission also undertook to review every five years the continued effectiveness of its index for tracking changes to oil pipeline industry costs.

3. After its initial five-year review, the Commission adopted PPI, without the (-1) percent adjustment, as the appropriate index for tracking oil pipeline industry costs for the five-year period beginning July 2001. This adoption of PPI was affirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

#### *II. Proposal and Comments*

4. The Commission proposes to continue to utilize PPI for the next five-year period as the index to track changes to the costs of the oil pipeline industry and to apply to rate ceiling levels for oil pipeline rate changes. The Commission invites interested persons to submit comments on the continued use of PPI and to propose, justify, and fully support, as an alternative, adjustments to PPI.

#### *III. Comment Procedures*

5. Comments may be filed on paper or electronically via the eFiling link on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. The Commission accepts most standard word processing formats and commentors may attach additional files with supporting information in certain other file formats. Commentors filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. Commentors that are not able to file comments electronically must send an original and 14 copies of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

6. All comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and may be

<sup>3</sup> 102 FERC ¶ 61,195 (2003), *affirmed*, *Flying J Inc.*, et al., v. *FERC*, 363 F.3d 495 (D.C. Cir. 2004).

<sup>4</sup> The Commission publishes the final annual change in the PPI-FG, expressed as a percent, after the final PPI-FG becomes available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor in May of each calendar year. Pipelines are required to calculate the new ceiling level applicable to their indexed rates based on this annual change.

viewed, printed, or downloaded remotely as described in the Document Availability section below. Commentors are not required to serve copies of their comments on other commentors.

#### IV. Document Availability

7. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the Internet through the Commission's home page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) and in the Commission's Public Reference Room during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern time) at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426.

8. From the Commission's home page on the Internet, this information is available in the Commission's document management system, eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number (excluding the last three digits) in the docket number field.

9. User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's website during normal business hours. For assistance, please contact the Commission's Online Support at 1-866-208-3676 (toll free) or 202-502-6652 (e-mail at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov)) or the Public Reference Room at 202-502-8371, TTY 202-502-8659 (e-mail at [public.referenceroom@ferc.gov](mailto:public.referenceroom@ferc.gov)).

By direction of the Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 165

[CGD11 05-002]

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### Regulated Navigation Area; San Diego Bay, Mission Bay and Their Approaches, California

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard proposes to create a Regulated Navigation Area (RNA) within San Diego Bay, Mission Bay, and their approaches out to the 12 nautical mile limit of the territorial sea.

This proposed RNA is necessary to provide the COTP a greater situational awareness of vessels intending to enter San Diego Bay or Mission Bay, allow the COTP to enforce safety and security zones associated with naval vessel movements and exercises, and increase awareness of potential threats to national security assets within the area. This RNA will ensure the safe movement of vessels in the vicinity of San Diego Bay and Mission Bay.

**DATES:** Comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before August 15, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments and related material to USCG Sector San Diego, 2716 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101. Coast Guard Sector San Diego maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at USCG Sector San Diego between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chief, Ports and Waterways Division, USCG Sector San Diego, telephone number 619-638-6495.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this rulemaking (CGD11 05-002), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit all comments and related material in an unbound format, no larger than 8 by 11 inches, suitable for copying. If you would like to know that your submission reached us, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change this proposed rule in view of them.

##### Public Meeting

We do not now plan to hold a public meeting. But you may submit a request for a meeting by writing to USCG Sector San Diego at the address under **ADDRESSES** explaining why one would be beneficial. If we determine that one would aid this rulemaking, we will hold one at a time and place announced by a separate notice in the **Federal Register**.

#### Background and Purpose

This rule is one of a number of measures proposed to reduce potential terrorist threats to the Port of San Diego, California. San Diego is the homeport of numerous U.S. naval vessels and facilities. The proposed RNA would increase the safety and security of naval vessels and facilities, commercial vessels, and the public by improving enforcement of safety and security zones by providing greater situational awareness regarding vessel operations in the area.

#### Discussion of Proposed Rule

In this NPRM, the Coast Guard proposes a series of procedures to organize the flow and operation of vessels legitimately seeking to enter, leave or navigate within San Diego Bay or Mission Bay. These procedures would apply to vessels of 100 GT or more, including tug and barge combinations of 100 GT or more (combined) intending to enter, leave or navigate within San Diego Bay or Mission Bay. The proposed regulations do not apply to vessels engaged in innocent passage, force majeure or any other entry allowed under principles of international law regardless of their presence in the RNA. Vessels operating AIS in accordance with the AIS carriage requirements of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA) and the International Maritime Organization requirements adopted under International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, (SOLAS) as amended, are also exempt from this regulation. The proposed procedures are as follows.

Vessels intending to cross the COLREGS Demarcation Line (denoted 33 CFR 80.1104 or 80.1106) and enter San Diego Bay or Mission Bay as part of normal operations must obtain permission from the COTP or designated representative upon entering into the proposed RNA. Further, vessels of 100 GT or more that have already crossed the COLREGS Demarcation Line and entered San Diego or Mission Bay and intend to depart or move within the RNA must request permission from the COTP or designated representative. The Coast Guard recommends seeking permission 30 minutes prior to anticipated entry into the RNA or movement within the RNA to avoid delays.

Upon receiving permission from the COTP or designated representative, the vessel may enter, depart, or move within the RNA and proceed in accordance with directives provided by the COTP or designated representative.