
Tariffs

BWMQ helps natural gas and oil pipeline clients draft and file tariffs and Section 311 filings. BWMQ develops full FERC Gas Tariffs for interstate pipeline and storage companies. In addition, BWMQ assists clients in revising or updating specific provisions of their FERC Gas Tariffs. BWMQ has developed Statement of Operating Conditions for intrastate pipelines. BWMQ will be able to assist clients in E-Filing their FERC Gas Tariffs. In addition, our projects include providing assistance to electric utilities in developing their terms and conditions of service and developing open access transmission tariffs providing “comparable” point-to-point and network services as well as ancillary service tariffs; resolving issues pertinent to preexisting arrangements and stranded costs; and consulting on the structures of and procedures to be employed by RTOs, ISOs and other independent coordinators of electric transmission services. Regarding oil pipelines, our services include assistance in adjusting tariffs for indexing, cost of service initial rate filings, settlement rates, and calculating the effects on tariff surcharges of system additions.

Electronic Tariff Filings

Pursuant to Order No. 714

On September 19, 2008, the Commission issued a Final Rule in Order No. 714, entitled Electronic Tariff Filings. Upon implementation of this rule, the Commission will no longer accept tariff filings in paper format. By April 1, 2010, the Commission requires existing regulated electric utilities, interstate natural gas companies, and regulated oil pipeline companies to electronically file their baseline (i.e., existing) tariffs in the extensible markup language (XML) schema described in Order No. 714. After April 1, 2010, all proposed tariff provisions and related items (including intrastate natural gas pipelines’ NGPA rates and operating conditions) must be filed electronically using the new standards discussed in Order No. 714.

BWMQ helps clients to meet the requirements of Order No. 714. Specifically, BWMQ offers the following services to companies impacted by Order No. 714:

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Reformat existing natural gas pipeline tariffs from FASTR format to the E-Tariff format;

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Reformat existing tariffs using the numbering sheet format into the new sectional format;

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Assemble tariff changes/proposals into XML filing packages and test whether these packages can be received by the Commission;

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Act as the eFiler on behalf of clients; and

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Consult and advise clients when formatting and planning future tariff filings under the changes implemented by Order No. 714.

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