
James S. Taylor, P.E.

Associate

Mr. Taylor has over 27 years experience in the natural gas, electric, and oil industries. He has been associated with Brown, Williams, Moorhead & Quinn, Inc. from September 2003 through the present. He was employed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from March 1979 through September 2003. Prior to his employment with the Commission, Mr. Taylor worked for nine years as a highway engineer with the District of Columbia Department of Transportation, Bureau of Design, Engineering and Research.

In the Commission's Office of Administrative Litigation and its predecessors, Mr. Taylor served as an expert witness in numerous Commission rate proceedings involving: (1) depreciation and life analysis; (2) onshore and offshore negative salvage estimates and rate determinations for natural gas pipelines; (3) Dismantlement, Removal, and Restoration (DR&R) estimates and accrual calculations for oil pipelines; (4) underground storage cost allocation analyses; and (5) pipeline cost allocation analyses based on distance of haul, as well as other pipeline engineering studies.

During his tenure at the Commission, Mr. Taylor was instrumental in developing the Commission Staff's position pertaining to negative salvage costs and rates for onshore and offshore natural gas pipelines. Early in his career with the Commission, Mr. Taylor worked closely with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers personnel during the development of its DR&R estimate for the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) and gained a solid background in cost estimating techniques, especially for cold regions. Later, Mr. Taylor used his TAPS experience to develop several oil pipeline DR&R estimates including one for a major North Slope crude oil pipeline. His DR&R cost accrual methodology in that North Slope proceeding was adopted by the Commission. More recently, the Commission also adopted Mr. Taylor's negative salvage rate methodology for onshore natural gas pipelines.

Mr. Taylor received a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech in 1970 and an M.S. in Public Works from George Washington University in 1981. In addition, Mr. Taylor has attended numerous depreciation and engineering seminars. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Society of Depreciation Professionals, Chi Epsilon Honor Society, and is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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