

Right-of-Way Grant Legal Description



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Overview

- ROW Legal Description Objective
- When is ROW Description Established/Modified
- Problems with ROW Assignments and Descriptions
- Possible Solutions



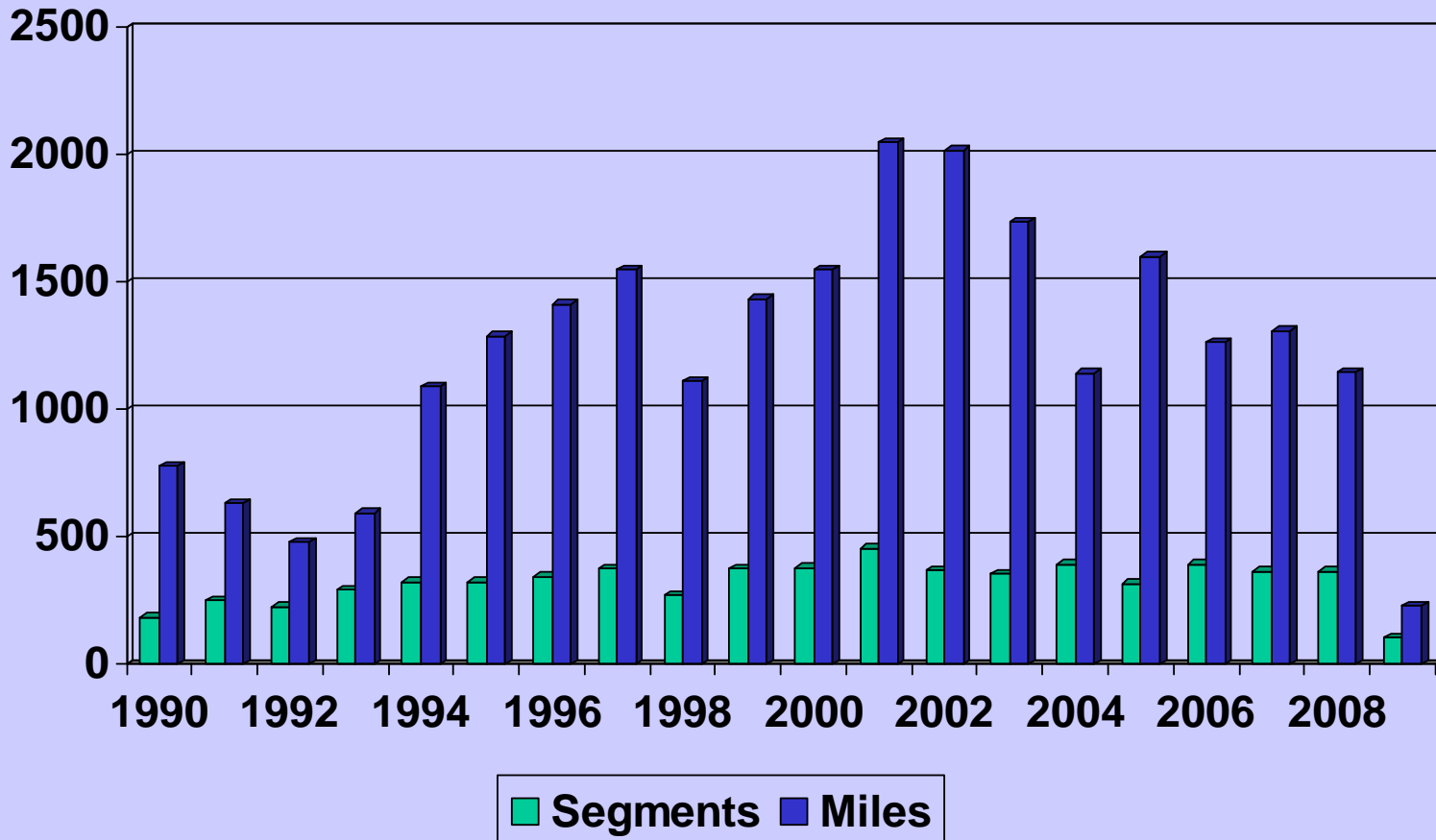
Pipeline Activity

- Currently there is a total of 42,400 miles of pipelines in GOM Aug. 3, 09
- There are 2,328 active ROWs Aug. 3, 09
- ROW assignments Sep. 08 to July 09
 - 82 approved
 - Out of 204 submitted
- Recent legal action resulted in more stringent focus on ROW descriptions



Pipelines Approved

(Updated June 17, 2009)



ROW Legal Description Objective

- Establishes ROW purpose
- Describes ROW Grant
 - Length, width, appurtenances, accessories, etc.



When is ROW Description Established/Modified

- Description established when ROW grant approved
- Description modified due to certain ROW modifications that affect the purpose
- Description modified due to ROW extension or partial relinquishment
 - Add accessory platform
 - Add umbilical
 - Relinquish part of ROW
 - Other



Problems with ROW Assignments and Descriptions

- **Description of ROW does not match one approved or modified**
 - **Need to use assignor records for most recent description**
 - Use MMS web site for scanned ROW files
 - Submit public information request to MMS Public Information Office
- **MMS records have inaccurate description**
 - Old ROW
 - ROW modified but description not amended



Possible Solutions

- **Developing language/format to standardize ROW descriptions**
- **Taking steps to ensure that ROW description is amended when ROW modified**
- **MMS inaccurate description**
 - Letter sent to ROW holder with updated legal description
 - If assignment submitted, may approve assignment and attach letter with updated description.
- **Looking at option to make ROW legal description screen available in MMS web site**



Questions?

