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INTRODUCTION

This is the fourth volume of the Staff Oil Pipeline Handbook. The first volume was published in January 1987 by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to provide practitioners of oil pipeline energy law with a single resource which contained all the relevant statutes and regulations dealing with oil pipeline regulation at the FERC. The Staff Oil Pipeline Handbook was extremely popular and was reprinted three times to meet demand.

Subsequently, in January 1992, a second volume of the Staff Oil Pipeline Handbook was published. It expanded upon and updated the original version, adding a second volume of Commission and Court decisions concerning oil pipeline matters. It, too, was widely distributed within the agency, the energy bar, the oil pipeline industry, and to the general public.

Volume III was published in January 1998, and picked up where Volume II left off. It included fourteen orders of significance to oil pipeline regulation at the FERC.

Volume IV contains twenty-five orders of significance to the oil pipeline industry that were issued since January 1998. The summaries of the orders were prepared by the Office of Administrative Litigation and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Commission, the Chairman, or any individual Commissioner. We express our appreciation to the Association of Oil Pipe Lines for their assistance in the preparation of this edition. It is our hope that this latest update will be as useful to those interested in the regulation of the interstate transportation of oil by pipelines, as the first three volumes.

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