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## INTRODUCTION

### Schedule Overview

Marketing Affiliates Tariff Filings under Order No. 497 (MT Docket series)

### Background

When the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) published its famous Order No. 497 in the June 14, 1988 issue of the *Federal Register* the main issue appeared to be the avoidance of partiality and the prevention of unfair business practices. Yet of equal importance was the stipulation contained in the statement that “an interstate pipeline with a marketing affiliate implement all tariff provisions in a uniform manner and strictly enforce any conditions that are required by a tariff for marketing affiliates as well as nonaffiliated marketers” (53 FR 22139). As part of this proposal FERC established standards of conduct for natural gas pipeline purveyors, including the insistence that such providers “must apply a tariff provision relating to transportation in the same manner to the same or similarly situated persons if there is discretion in the application of the provision,” and that the provider “must strictly enforce a tariff provision for which there is no discretion in the application of the provision” (53 FR 22161). FERC therefore required owners of interstate natural gas pipelines to show compliance with the stipulations of Order No. 497 as it relates to applicable tariffs by filing appropriate documentation with the Commission. These filings are examined, discussed and judged in the MT Docket of the Commission. Filings and other documentation generated under the MT Docket are covered by this schedule.

### Overall Recommendation

I recommend approval of the attached schedule.

## APPRAISAL

### Item 1: Marketing Affiliates Tariff Filings under Order No. 497 (MT Docket series)

Tariff sheets containing central information and procedures related to requests for transportation by potential shipper including delegated orders, opinions, notices of intervention, gas and oil

tariff filings, formal notices, motion, fee collection forms, requests for rehearing, compliance filings, and general correspondence related to subject matter material.

**Proposed Disposition:** Temporary

**Appropriateness of Proposed Disposition:** Appropriate

**Appraisal Justification:**

\*Little or no research value.

\*Does not document significant actions of Federal officials.

**Adequacy of Proposed Retention Period(s):**

\*Adequate from the standpoint of legal rights and accountability.

**Media Neutrality:** Requested and approved.



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