

April 25, 2019

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Attention: Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary

Re: Ruby Pipeline Project;  
Docket No. CP09-54-000;  
Post-Construction Monitoring Reports

Commissioners:

Ruby Pipeline, L.L.C. (Ruby) is filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) in Docket No. CP09-54-000, post-construction monitoring reports related to the Ruby Pipeline Project.

### **Description of Proceeding**

On April 5, 2010, the Commission issued Ruby an Order Issuing Certificate and Granting in Part and Denying in Part Requests for Rehearing and Clarification ("Certificate Order") to construct and operate the Ruby Pipeline Project ("Project").<sup>1</sup> On July 27, 2011, the Commission granted Ruby's request to place the Project in-service; Ruby commenced service on the Project facilities on July 28, 2011.<sup>2</sup>

### **Description of Information Being Filed**

As part of its monitoring obligations, Ruby is filing detailed environmental monitoring reports describing restoration efforts conducted during 2018.<sup>3</sup> As described in the reports, despite the adverse growing conditions, restoration efforts along the right-of-way ("ROW") have generally been successful. Further, perennial vegetation has established and continues to spread, keeping noxious and invasive weed populations in check. Other sections of the ROW have vegetation similar in species composition and cover as neighboring undisturbed areas. Annual fluctuations in ROW and off-ROW vegetation are similar, suggesting that the Ruby ROW has returned to pre-disturbance

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<sup>1</sup> See Ruby Pipeline, L.L.C., 131 FERC ¶ 61,007 (2010).

<sup>2</sup> See Letter Order dated July 27, 2011 granting Ruby's July 11, 2011 request to commence service.

<sup>3</sup> Due to the voluminous nature of the reports, electronic files containing Appendix E, Photo Log and Map Books, have been separated from the Post Restoration Monitoring 7<sup>th</sup> Year Report and segmented into smaller sections to comply with the Commission's electronic file size limits. Similarly, Ruby has separated the Annual BLM Wetland and Riparian Monitoring Report to comply with the electronic submission requirements.



Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this day caused a copy of the letter to be served upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Commission's Secretary in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Section 385.2010 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado as of this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.

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