

## INTRODUCTION

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

Subsequently, in January 1992, a second edition of the Staff Oil Pipeline Handbook was published. It expanded 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, and to the general public.

Volume Three picks up where Volumes One and Two left off. Although there have been many Commission oil pipeline related orders and Court decisions issued since January 1992, this volume attempts to include only the most significant materials. They are roughly arranged in chronological order, although where a series of orders is involved they have been kept together for the sake of simplicity.

It is our hope that this latest update to the Staff Oil Pipeline Handbook will be as useful to those interested in research concerning the regulation of the transportation of oil by pipeline, as the first two volumes.

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