

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER08-411-000; ER08-411-00; ER08-411-002; ER08-411-003]

Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

April 18, 2008.

Tiger Natural Gas, Inc. (Tiger) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate schedule. The proposed market-based rate schedule provides for the sale of energy and capacity at market-based rates. Tiger also requested waivers of various Commission regulations. In particular, Tiger requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Tiger.

On April 17, 2008, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development-West, granted the requests for blanket approval under part 34 (Director's Order). The Director's Order also stated that the Commission would publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** establishing a period of time for the filing of protests. Accordingly, any person desiring to be heard concerning the blanket approvals of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Tiger should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. 18 CFR 385.211, 385.214 (2004). The Commission encourages the electronic submission of protests using the FERC Online link at <http://www.ferc.gov>.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests is May 19, 2008.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition to such blanket approvals by the deadline above, Tiger is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Tiger, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approvals of Tiger's issuance of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Director's Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8558-4]

**Office of Research and Development;
Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and
Equivalent Methods: Correction to
Description of Equivalent Method
EQPM-0308-170 MetOne Instruments,
Inc.'s, BAM-1020 Beta Attenuation
Mass Monitor**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of the correction of the description of an equivalent method for monitoring ambient air quality.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated on March 12, 2008, in accordance with 40 CFR part 53, one new equivalent method for measuring concentrations of particulate matter as PM_{2.5} in the ambient air. This notice corrects the description of the method.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Hunike, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-D205-03), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711. Phone: (919) 541-3737, e-mail: Hunike.Elizabeth@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with regulations at 40 CFR Part 53, the EPA evaluates various methods for monitoring the concentrations of those ambient air pollutants for which EPA has established National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQSs) as set forth in 40 CFR Part 50. Monitoring methods that are determined to meet

specific requirements for adequacy are designated by the EPA as either reference methods or equivalent methods (as applicable), thereby permitting their use under 40 CFR Part 58 by States and other agencies for determining attainment of the NAAQSs.

The EPA hereby announced the designation of one new equivalent method for measuring concentrations of particulate matter as PM_{2.5} in the ambient air on March 12, 2008. This designation was made under the provisions of 40 CFR part 53, as amended on December 18, 2006 (71 FR 61271).

The new equivalent method for PM_{2.5} is an automated method (sampler) that utilizes a measurement principle based on filter sample collection and analysis by beta-ray attenuation. The newly designated equivalent method is identified as follows: EQPM-0308-170, "Met One Instruments, Inc. BAM-1020 Beta Attenuation Mass Monitor—PM_{2.5} FEM Configuration, configured with a BGI VSCC™ Very Sharp Cut Cyclone particle size separator," operated for 24 1-hour average measurements with firmware revision 3.2.4 or later, with or without an inlet tube extension (BX-823), with or without external enclosures BX-902 or BX-903, in accordance with the BAM 1020 Particulate Monitor operation manual, revision F or later, and VSCC™ supplemental manual and equipped with BX-596 ambient temperature and barometric pressure combination sensor, internal BX-961 automatic flow controller operated in Actual (volumetric) flow control mode, the standard BX-802 EPA PM₁₀ inlet head and a BGI VSCC™ Very Sharp Cut Cyclone (VSCC-A), BX-827 (110V) or BX-830 (230V) Smart Inlet Heater, with the heater RH set to 35% and the temperature control set to "off", the 8470-1 revision D or later tape control transport assembly with close geometry beta source configuration, used with standard glass fiber filter tape, COUNT TIME parameter set for 8 minutes, the SAMPLE TIME parameter set for 42 minutes, BX-302 zero filter calibration kit required.

An application for an equivalent method determination for the candidate method was received by the EPA on September 19, 2007. The sampler is commercially available from the applicant, Met One Instruments, Inc., 1600 Washington Boulevard, Grants Pass, Oregon 97526 (<http://www.metone.com>).

A test analyzer representative of this method has been tested in accordance with the applicable test procedures specified in 40 CFR part 53 (as amended

on December 18, 2006). After reviewing the results of those tests and other information submitted by the applicant in the application, EPA has determined, in accordance with Part 53, that this method should be designated as an equivalent method. The information submitted by the applicant in the application will be kept on file, either at EPA's National Exposure Research Laboratory, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711 or in an approved archive storage facility, and will be available for inspection (with advance notice) to the extent consistent with 40 CFR part 2 (EPA's regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act).

As a designated equivalent method, this method is acceptable for use by states and other air monitoring agencies under the requirements of 40 CFR part 58, Ambient Air Quality Surveillance. For such purposes, the method must be used in strict accordance with the operation or instruction manual associated with the method and subject to any specifications and limitations (e.g., configuration or operational settings) specified in the applicable designation method description (see the identifications of the method above).

Use of the method should also be in general accordance with the guidance and recommendations of applicable sections of the "Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume I," EPA/600/R-94/038a and "Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume II, Part 1," EPA-454/R-98-004 (available at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/qabook.html>). Vendor modifications of a designated equivalent method used for purposes of Part 58 are permitted only with prior approval of the EPA, as provided in Part 53. Provisions concerning modification of such methods by users are specified under Section 2.8 (Modifications of Methods by Users) of Appendix C to 40 CFR part 58.

In general, a method designation applies to any sampler or analyzer which is identical to the sampler or analyzer described in the application for designation. In some cases, similar samplers or analyzers manufactured prior to the designation may be upgraded or converted (e.g., by minor modification or by substitution of the approved operation or instruction manual) so as to be identical to the designated method and thus achieve designated status. The manufacturer should be consulted to determine the feasibility of such upgrading or conversion.

Part 53 requires that sellers of designated reference or equivalent method analyzers or samplers comply with certain conditions. These conditions are specified in 40 CFR 53.9 and are summarized below:

(a) A copy of the approved operation or instruction manual must accompany the sampler or analyzer when it is delivered to the ultimate purchaser.

(b) The sampler or analyzer must not generate any unreasonable hazard to operators or to the environment.

(c) The sampler or analyzer must function within the limits of the applicable performance specifications given in 40 CFR Parts 50 and 53 for at least one year after delivery when maintained and operated in accordance with the operation or instruction manual.

(d) Any sampler or analyzer offered for sale as part of a reference or equivalent method must bear a label or sticker indicating that it has been designated as part of a reference or equivalent method in accordance with Part 53 and showing its designated method identification number.

(e) If such an analyzer has two or more selectable ranges, the label or sticker must be placed in close proximity to the range selector and indicate which range or ranges have been included in the reference or equivalent method designation.

(f) An applicant who offers samplers or analyzers for sale as part of a reference or equivalent method is required to maintain a list of ultimate purchasers of such samplers or analyzers and to notify them within 30 days if a reference or equivalent method designation applicable to the method has been canceled or if adjustment of the sampler or analyzer is necessary under 40 CFR 53.11(b) to avoid a cancellation.

(g) An applicant who modifies a sampler or analyzer previously designated as part of a reference or equivalent method is not permitted to sell the sampler or analyzer (as modified) as part of a reference or equivalent method (although it may be sold without such representation), nor to attach a designation label or sticker to the sampler or analyzer (as modified) under the provisions described above, until the applicant has received notice under 40 CFR Part 53.14(c) that the original designation or a new designation applies to the method as modified, or until the applicant has applied for and received notice under 40 CFR 53.8(b) of a new reference or equivalent method determination for the sampler or analyzer as modified.

Aside from occasional breakdowns or malfunctions, consistent or repeated noncompliance with any of these conditions should be reported to: Director, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-E205-01), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711.

Designation of this new equivalent method is intended to assist the States in establishing and operating their air quality surveillance systems under 40 CFR Part 58. Questions concerning the commercial availability or technical aspects of the method should be directed to the applicant.

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Acting Director, National Exposure Research Laboratory.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Draft Risk and Exposure Assessment Reports for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The EPA is announcing an extension of the public comment period on the Draft Risk and Exposure Assessment Reports for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) (73 FR 20045; April 14, 2008). The EPA is extending the comment period that originally ends on May 1, 2008. The extended comment period will close on May 30, 2008. The EPA is extending the comment period to provide stakeholders and the public with adequate time to conduct appropriate analysis and prepare meaningful comments.

DATES: Comments on the above reports must be received on or before May 30, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0922, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail*: Comments may be sent by electronic mail (e-mail) to a-and-r-docket@epa.gov, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0922.

- *Fax*: Fax your comments to 202-566-9744, Attention Docket ID. No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2006-0922.