

majority declined to consider or, in fact, even mention. For example, one party suggested the imposition of a requirement that pipelines demonstrate that affiliate rates are aligned with those of competing pipelines or other modes of transportation.²⁶ Why not include seemingly reasonable alternatives for comment if you persist in your belief—despite the lack of evidence—that affiliate abuses are widespread in the industry? If the Commission is concerned that a carrier is offering non-market rates to its affiliate, a showing that the rate is consistent with market would seem to address the concern and do so far less invasively and without violating our own regulations.

9. It is a mistake for the majority to repropose a policy shown to have irremediable vulnerabilities under the APA and a near certain chilling effect on investment. The Commission has the benefit of an existing record. Rather than ignoring it, the Commission should have made use of that record to determine whether there is a problem at all and, if there is, use it to determine what additional evidence needs to be gathered, what policy goals it seeks to achieve, and what is the best, least invasive, and most defensible course of action. The Commission should not rush a policy only to have go back and fix known errors.

For these reasons, I respectfully dissent.

James P. Danly,
Commissioner.

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CHRISTIE, Commissioner, *concurring*:

1. I concur in order to put this draft policy statement out for further review and comment.

2. I fully agree that transactions between corporate affiliates are not arms-length transactions. In the regulated energy and utility field, such transactions raise a distinct threat of the exercise of market power. So affiliate transactions certainly require a higher level of scrutiny than those between unaffiliated entities.

3. That is a simple proposition, but this draft statement is not simple, and takes many pages and paragraphs to describe what it is requiring of regulated entities and affiliates, what and which degrees of scrutiny will be applied, when and where, and how the safe-

harbor mechanisms will work. The devil is always in the details and whether this lengthy proposed new policy statement has got all the details right remains to be seen, as well as whether a new policy statement is even necessary or preferable to a case-by-case approach. I take seriously the points raised in Commissioner Danly's dissent, particularly on the history of this policy statement and its apparent predecessors.

4. I am willing, however, to put it out for comment and look forward to the comments that may come in from affected parties, including pipeline operators and shippers both affiliated and unaffiliated.

For these reasons, I respectfully concur.

Mark C. Christie,
Commissioner.

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Wagon Wheel Wind Project Holdings LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Wagon Wheel Wind Project Holdings LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

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Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is January 5, 2023.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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²⁶ Association of Oil Pipelines December 14, 2020 Initial Comments, Docket No. PL21–1–000, at 33.