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January 26, 2009

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

Attention: Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary

Re: Application for a Certificate of
Public Convenience and Necessity

Commissioners:

Ruby Pipeline, L.L.C. ("Ruby") herewith files its application, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, requesting (i) a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction, ownership, and operation of new interstate natural gas pipeline facilities; (ii) a blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Ruby to provide open-access transportation services with pre-granted abandonment approval; and (iii) a blanket certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, operate and/or abandon certain eligible facilities, and services related thereto. Ruby is also requesting approval for its proposed recourse rates for transportation service and of its Pro Forma Tariff, which includes the authority to enter into negotiated rate agreements.

In addition, Ruby respectfully requests that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") issue a Preliminary Determination on Non-Environmental Issues ("PD") by late July or early August 2009 that includes the review and preliminary approval of various contract, rate and tariff provisions, all as more fully discussed herein. The pipeline project being proposed will be referred to as the "Ruby Pipeline Project" or "Project." Ruby is requesting these Section 7 authorizations by January 2010 in order to achieve a targeted in-service date of no later than March 2011.

Description of Items Being Filed

Ruby has organized the items being filed herein into the following volumes described below pursuant to the Commission's CEII filing guidelines.

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Public

Volume 1 is comprised of the following:

- Application text;
- Table of Contents;
- Federal Register Notice;
- Exhibits A through Z-2 (excluding Exhibits F-I, G, G-I, and G-II,); and
- A set of DVD/CDs containing the application in electronic format as required by Section 157.6(3) of the Commission's Regulations

Volume 2 contains the public components of Exhibit F-I - Environmental Resource Report Nos. 1 through 13. Ruby is providing two sets of certain full-size maps and diagrams to the Commission and the Office of Energy Projects ("OEP").

CEII - Non-Public

Volume 3 contains facility plot plans referenced in Environmental Report No. 1 in Exhibit F-1 and Exhibits G, G-I and G-II flow diagrams.

Privileged (Other Non-Public)

Volume 4 contains the following: (i) a cultural resource inventory report containing privileged information referenced in Appendix 4C of Environmental Resource Report 4 in Exhibit F-1. As part of the cultural resource reports, Ruby is submitting a set of aerial alignment sheets that contain the locations of cultural resource sites. Additionally, Ruby is providing an affected landowner list. Ruby is seeking confidential treatment for the affected landowner list since it contains landowner address information.

Ruby respectfully requests: (i) that the information being submitted in Volumes 3 and 4 being submitted herein be accorded privileged and confidential treatment pursuant to 18 C.F.R. §388.112. Ruby has marked Volume 3 with "Contains CEII: Do Not Release." Volume 4 has been marked "Privileged Information – Do Not Release." Please contact either Mr. Richard Derryberry (telephone number: 719-520-3782) or Mr. Floyd Robertson (telephone number: 719-520-4455) at 2 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903, regarding this request for privileged treatment.

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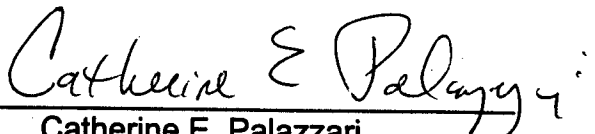
Ruby is filing with the Commission's Secretary the original and two copies of the non-public transmittal letter with the complete application. In accordance with the Commission's new filing requirements, Ruby is providing the Commission's Secretary an original and one copy of the public transmittal letter and the application, excluding all CEII and privileged information (Volumes 3 and 4). Ruby is also providing four complete copies of this application (with one set of full-size diagrams) to the Office of Energy Projects ("OEP").

Accordingly, I have read this application and the information contained therein is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief. Furthermore, the paper copies contain the same information as provided on the compact disks.

Please accept the enclosed Ruby Pipeline Project application for filing and issue the requested authorizations at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully submitted,

RUBY PIPELINE, L.L.C.

By 
Catherine E. Palazzari
Vice President

Enclosures

c: Mr. David Swearingen, OEP