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October 17, 2024

Oil Pipeline Tariff Filing Special Permission Requested

Ms. Debbie-Anne A. Reese
Acting Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: *SALA Gathering Systems, LLC*, Docket No. IS25-____-000
Index-Based Ceiling and Rate Adjustments

Dear Acting Secretary Reese:

In accordance with the requirements of the Interstate Commerce Act (“ICA”) and the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC” or the “Commission”), in particular Section 342.3, 18 C.F.R. § 342.3 (2024) (Indexing), and in accordance with the Commission’s Order Reinstating Index Level issued on September 17, 2024,¹ SALA Gathering Systems, LLC (“SALA”) submits for filing the following tariffs, to be effective November 1, 2024, on 14 days’ notice:

FERC No. 3.16.0, canceling FERC No. 3.15.0 (Docket No. IS24-583-000)
FERC No. 4.16.0, canceling FERC No. 4.15.0 (Docket No. IS24-583-000)
FERC No. 5.16.0, canceling FERC No. 5.15.0 (Docket No. IS24-583-000)

SALA is submitting FERC Nos. 3.16.0, 4.16.0, and 5.16.0 to increase its shipper rates for service. SALA is modifying its service rates in accordance with the tariff rate indexing provisions of 18 C.F.R. § 342.3. The new tariff rates are equal to the corresponding new ceiling levels calculated in accordance with 18 C.F.R. § 342.3(d) using the revised index multipliers going back to July 1, 2021, that are set forth in the 2024 Revised Index Order.² As shown on Schedule A, the current rates reflected in FERC Nos. 3.15.0, 4.15.0, and 5.15.0 are below the newly recomputed ceiling levels set by the Commission and those rates are accordingly increased to equal the recomputed ceiling levels, as reflected in proposed FERC Nos. 3.16.0, 4.16.0, and 5.16.0.

In accordance with the requirements of 18 C.F.R. § 342.3(b) and the 2024 Revised Index Order, Schedule A sets forth the proposed new rates, the existing rates, the recomputed ceiling levels for each index year since July 1, 2021, and the recomputed ceiling level for the current index year.

¹ *Five-Year Review of the Oil Pipeline Index*, 188 FERC ¶ 61,173 (2024) (“2024 Revised Index Order”).

² *See id.* at P 1.

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Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 341.14 (Special Permission), SALA respectfully requests waiver under Section 6(3) of the ICA to file FERC Nos. 3.16.0, 4.16.0, and 5.16.0 on less than thirty (30) days' notice, so that they may become effective on November 1, 2024. SALA respectfully submits that the 2024 Revised Index Order expressly indicated that pipelines may request special permission to waive the thirty (30) day notice requirement. SALA submits that good cause exists for granting a waiver because doing so will allow SALA to implement the revised index ceiling levels and rates, which have been calculated in accordance with the Commission's 2024 Revised Index Order, as soon as possible. SALA acknowledges that the above-referenced tariff is conditionally accepted, subject to refund, pending a thirty (30) day review period.

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 343.3 (Filing of Protests and Responses), SALA requests that any protest of this filing be emailed at the time the protest is filed to george.fatula@bracewell.com.

I hereby certify that on or before this date one copy of the publication listed herein and this transmittal has been sent to each subscriber thereto by means of transmission agreed upon in writing by the subscriber. Any communications concerning this filing should be addressed to the undersigned at the email address or telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

Schedule A

SALA Gathering Systems, LLC

Calculation of Change in Maximum Ceiling Rates and Proposed Rates under 18 C.F.R. § 342.3

All ceiling levels and rates shown in cents/bbl

<u>Previous Tariff #</u>	<u>New Tariff #</u>	<u>Origin(s)</u>	<u>Destination(s)</u>	<u>Ceiling Level 6/30/21³ in Cents/Bbl</u>	<u>Recomputed Ceiling Level 7/1/21- 6/30/22 in Cents/Bbl</u> PPI-FG + 0.78% Index multiplier = 0.994188	<u>Recomputed Ceiling Level 7/1/22- 6/30/23 in Cents/Bbl</u> PPI-FG + 0.78% Index multiplier = 1.097007	<u>Recomputed Ceiling Level 7/1/23- 6/30/24 in Cents/Bbl</u> PPI-FG + 0.78% Index multiplier = 1.143094	<u>Recomputed Ceiling Level 7/1/24- 6/30/25 in Cents/Bbl</u> PPI-FG + 0.78% Index multiplier = 1.022547	<u>Current Rate in Cents/Bbl</u>	<u>Proposed Rate in Cents/Bbl Effective 11/1/24</u>
FERC No. 3.15.0	FERC No. 3.16.0	Columbia, Lafayette, Miller, Ouachita, and Union Counties, AR and Claiborne Parish, LA	El Dorado Pipeline (interconnections in AR) or El Dorado Storage Facility (El Dorado, AR)	283.34	281.69	309.02	353.24	361.20	347.91	361.20
FERC No. 3.15.0	FERC No. 3.16.0	El Dorado & Wesson Railway Offloading Facility (El Dorado, AR)	El Dorado Storage Facility (El Dorado, AR)	105.36	104.75	114.91	131.35	134.31	129.36	134.31
FERC No. 4.15.0	FERC No. 4.16.0	Columbia, Lafayette, Miller, Ouachita, and Union Counties, AR and Claiborne Parish, LA	El Dorado, Arkansas	283.34	281.69	309.02	353.24	361.20	347.91	361.20
FERC No. 5.15.0	FERC No. 5.16.0	Magnolia Storage Facility (Magnolia, AR)	Sandy Land Storage Facility (Smackover, AR)	61.97	61.61	67.59	77.26	79.00	76.09	79.00

³ Ceiling level established for the index year ending June 30, 2021 in Docket No. IS20-634-000.

[Schedule A]