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MMS Proposes Regulations on Pipeline Access

Rule Establishes Processes for Resolving Pipeline Access Complaints

WASHINGTON -- The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is proposing new regulations to resolve disputes over the requirement that pipeline companies provide open and nondiscriminatory access to their offshore pipelines. The proposed rule, 30 CFR Part 291, "Open and Nondiscriminatory Movement of Oil and Gas as required by the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA)," is published in today's [Federal Register](#).

The OCSLA mandates that every permit, license, easement, or right-of-way granted to a pipeline for transportation of oil or gas on or across the Outer Continental Shelf, must require the pipeline provide open and nondiscriminatory access to both owner and non-owner shippers. The proposed rule would implement complaint procedures and alternative measures for shippers who allege they have been denied open and nondiscriminatory access to a pipeline.

MMS is accepting comments on the proposed rule through June 5, 2007. Methods and specific instructions for providing comments on the proposed rule are provided in the Federal Register notice.

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