

Agenda Date: June 25, 2009
Item Number: B1

Docket: TO-090836
Company Name: Olympic Pipeline Company

Staff: Layne Demas, Regulatory Analyst

Recommendation

Take no action, allowing the proposed rates to become effective July 1, 2009, by operation of law.

Discussion

On May 29, 2009, Olympic Pipeline Company (Olympic) filed decreased rates in tariff WUTC No. 33 to become effective July 1, 2009. Olympic filed the proposed rate decrease under the terms of a settlement agreement accepted by the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) in Dockets TO-031973 and TO-040992. The filing proposes to decrease revenues by approximately \$6.3 million (9.2 percent).

The primary drivers of the decrease are the following: increased throughput in the third quarter of 2008, reduced project expenses, and the removal of rate base and operating expenses associated with the Bayview storage facility that the commission approved to lease to an affiliate in Docket TO-081785.

Olympic's four primary shippers are Tesoro, Conoco Phillips, British Petroleum and Shell. All four shippers signed the settlement agreement and have had an opportunity to review and comment on the filing. None have taken exception to Olympic's calculation of the proposed rate decrease and none have filed comments.

Staff has analyzed the proposed filing and concludes the proposed rates comply with the terms of the settlement agreement and are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

Conclusion

Take no action, allowing the proposed rates to become effective July 1, 2009, by operation of law.