



Regulatory Commission of Alaska

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Commissioners

RCA Regulates:

■ Utilities

- ◆ Natural gas distribution
- ◆ Natural gas pipelines
- ◆ Electric power generation, transmission, and distribution
- ◆ Water and sewer
- ◆ Telephone
- ◆ Solid waste

■ Pipelines

- ◆ Crude oil pipelines
- ◆ Petroleum product pipelines
- ◆ Natural gas pipelines

Federal v. State Authority Oil Pipelines

- FERC regulates:
 - ◆ Interstate Deliveries – oil flowing from one state to another directly or indirectly
- RCA regulates:
 - ◆ Intrastate Deliveries – oil flowing from one place in Alaska to another place in Alaska where it is consumed

Federal v. State Authority Gas Pipelines

- FERC regulates - Both interstate and intrastate deliveries on an interstate gas pipeline
- RCA regulates - A spur line off of an interstate gas pipeline

Clear Authority in Federal Statute for RCA Regulation

- ◆ Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act, Section 108(a)
- ◆ (a) Local Distribution – Any facility receiving natural gas from an Alaska natural gas transportation project for delivery to consumers within the State –
 - (1) shall be deemed to be a local distribution facility within the meaning of section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717(b) [a facility regulated by a state commission as to rates and services];
 - (2) shall not be subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission [FERC].

RCA Pipeline Authority

- Issue and oversee “certificates of public convenience and necessity”
- Ensure safe and adequate service and facilities
- Approve shipping rules and rates
- Conduct audits and oversee finances and management