

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Ruby Pipeline, L.L.C.

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Docket Nos. CP09-54-000
PF08-9-000

**MOTION TO INTERVENE BY
OREGON NATURAL DESERT ASSOCIATION
& OREGON WILD**

Pursuant to Rules 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214, and the Notice of Application issued by the Commission on February 9, 2009, 74 Fed. Reg. 7,412, the Oregon Natural Desert Association (“ONDA”) and Oregon Wild submit this Motion to Intervene in the proceedings for Docket No. CP-09-54-000. ONDA and Oregon Wild represent interests that will be directly affected by the outcome of this proceeding, and their participation as parties to this proceeding is in the public interest.

**I. DESCRIPTION OF INTEREST AND GROUNDS FOR INTERVENTION
OF ONDA & OREGON WILD**

On January 27, 2009, Ruby Pipeline, L.L.C. filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing the construction and operation of a new interstate natural gas pipeline system extending from Opal, Wyoming to Malin, Oregon. Approximately 80 miles of the proposed 675.2 mile pipeline is proposed for location in Oregon. The pipeline is proposed to cross land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) and the United States Forest Service (“Forest Service”), including within the Fremont-Winema National Forest.

II. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

All correspondence, communications and other documents concerning this proceeding should be sent to the following individuals. ONDA and Oregon Wild request that

correspondence, communications, and other documents be sent in electronic (rather than paper) format wherever possible:

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II. INTERESTS OF ONDA & OREGON WILD AND MOTION TO INTERVENE

ONDA is a non-profit public interest organization founded in 1987 and dedicated to preserving and protecting the public lands of eastern Oregon. ONDA has a long history of interest and involvement in eastern Oregon's public land management. ONDA's mission is to protect, defend, and restore forever the health of Oregon's native deserts. ONDA is committed to defending desert wilderness, protecting wildlife and preserving water quality, and enforcing conservation laws in Oregon's high desert.

The members and staff of ONDA use and enjoy the public lands, waters, and natural resources within the area of the proposed pipeline for recreational, scientific, spiritual, educational, aesthetic, and other purposes. ONDA and its members also participate in information gathering and dissemination, education and public outreach, commenting upon proposed agency actions, litigation, and other activities relating to the federal government's management and administration of the public lands of eastern Oregon and to private activities authorized by the federal government on those lands.

ONDA has among its core missions to protect and preserve the integrity of wilderness in Oregon's eastern desert, including protection of waters and habitat in the Fremont-Winema National Forest. ONDA is also actively involved in advocating for the protection of species

which use and migrate onto the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge and other wildlife habitat in northern Nevada. ONDA and its members' interests are directly and substantially affected by the Commission's actions in this proceeding, and ONDA's specific interests cannot be adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding. ONDA has commented during the scoping and resource report review process and participated in meetings with representatives of Ruby Pipeline L.L.C. For these reasons, ONDA's participation as a full party to these proceedings is in the public interest.

Oregon Wild (formerly Oregon Natural Resources Council), is a non-profit corporation headquartered in Portland, Oregon, with offices in Eugene and Bend. Oregon Wild's mission is to protect and restore Oregon's wildlands, wildlife, and waters as an enduring legacy. To achieve its mission Oregon Wild seeks to permanently protect old-growth forests, roadless wild lands, and other ecologically important areas, including the Fremont-Winema National Forest and surrounding landscapes. Oregon Wild seeks restoration of fully-functional terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems with a full complement of native species. Oregon Wild works with a broad cross-section of citizens, charitable groups, businesses, and government agencies at all levels to incorporate environmental concerns into democratic and economic institutions.

Oregon Wild has approximately 4,500 members, many of whom live near and or recreate in the public lands in the Fremont-Winema National Forest and surrounding lands. Oregon Wild has a long history of involvement in management of these areas. Oregon Wild has participated in federal forest planning efforts, BLM District planning efforts, inventory and conservation of roadless areas, timber sale planning, post-fire recovery efforts, habitat conservation efforts, wildlife refuge management, etc., including protection of roadless areas, waters and habitat in the Fremont-Winema National Forest. Oregon Wild members enjoy activities such as hiking, bird

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served copies of the foregoing Motion to Intervene on all parties to this proceeding by e-filing at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

Dated at Portland, Oregon this 1st day of March, 2009.

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