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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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In Reply Refer To:  
ONEOK WesTex Transmission, L.P.  
Docket No. PR05-7-001

ONEOK WesTex Transmission, L.P.  
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Attention: Ms. Kathleen L. Mazure

Reference: Revised Statement of Operating Conditions

Dear Ms. Mazure:

1. On January 3, 2005, ONEOK WesTex Transmission, L.P. (WesTex), a Hinshaw pipeline, filed a Petition for Rate Approval in Docket No. PR05-7-000 pursuant to section 284.224 of the Commission's<sup>1</sup> regulations that included revisions to both its maximum system-wide rate for interruptible transportation service and to its Statement of Operating Conditions (SOC) applicable to transportation service furnished under its blanket certificate, to be effective February 1, 2005. Among various proposed changes to the SOC, WesTex proposed changes to the total sulfur, oxygen, inert gas, hydrocarbon dew point and Btu ranges in Article VI of the SOC. In a protest dated February 18, 2005, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc (Golden Spread) and GS Electric Generating Cooperative, Inc. (GSE) objected to the proposed changes to the gas quality and interchangeability standards, particularly to an increase in the permissible level of total sulfur from 2 grains per 100 cubic feet to up to 20 grains per 100 cubic feet. Golden Spread and GSE also objected to a reduction of the minimum gas temperature from 40 degrees Fahrenheit to 30 degrees Fahrenheit and the specification of a hydrocarbon dew point of less than 30 degrees Fahrenheit. On May 6, 2005, MGI Supply Ltd. (MGI) filed a supplemental protest, which also challenged WesTex's proposed changes to the gas quality standards in the SOC.

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<sup>1</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 284.224 (2005).

2. After negotiating with its customers, on May 23, 2005, WesTex filed in Docket No. PR05-7-001 a revised SOC reflecting a number of changes to the January 3, 2005 SOC filing, including the addition of dispute resolution procedures and changed gas quality standards. WestTex stated that it was authorized to represent that the revised SOC resolves all gas quality standard concerns raised by the protestors. Specifically, among other things, the revised SOC includes a 5 grains per 100 cubic feet total sulfur standard and retains the pre-existing 40 degree Fahrenheit minimum temperature, except for gas at the pipeline interconnect entering Mexico, which is required to have a minimum temperature of 50 degree Fahrenheit. In addition, the revised SOC eliminates the proposed minimum hydrocarbon dew point provision.

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4. On June 3, 2005, the Commission issued an order approving WesTex's proposed revised maximum system-wide rate increase for interruptible transmission service provided under its blanket certificate authority. *ONEOK WesTex Transmission, L.P.*,

5. 111 FERC ¶ 61,346 at P 6 (2005). Noting that WestTex's January 3, 2005 filing included a revised SOC, and that WestTex filed further revisions to the SOC on May 23, 2005, the Commission stated that it would address the revised SOC in a subsequent order. *Id.* at n.1.

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7. Public notice of the May 23, 2005 revised SOC filing was issued on June 1, 2005, with comments, protests, or motions to intervene due on or before June 7, 2005. Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2005), the notices of intervention and timely, unopposed motions to intervene serve to make the entities that filed them parties to this proceeding.

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9. On June 7, 2005, MGI and Golden Spread and GSE filed comments supporting WesTex's May 23, 2005 revised SOC. They state that WesTex's changed sulfur content standard is consistent with the quality standards of pipelines in the region, and will prevent adverse impacts on power generators that have strict air permit limitations. They further assert that elimination of the dew point provision, along with the retention of the minimum gas temperature at 40 degrees Fahrenheit, will avoid potential problems that could occur due to freezing liquids in the pipeline. No other comments were received.

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11. Based on the customers' comments and our review, we find the revised SOC to be fair and equitable. Accordingly, the Commission accepts the revised SOC effective

12. February 1, 2005, as requested.

By direction of the Commission.

Magalie R. Salas,  
Secretary