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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

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In Reply Refer To:
Northern Natural Gas Company
Docket No. RP07-535-000

Northern Natural Gas Company
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Attention: Dari R. Dornan, Senior Counsel

Reference: Request for Limited Waiver

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On July 20, 2007, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed a petition to waive section 32(L)(iii) of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its FERC Gas Tariff to resolve two prior-period imbalance trading errors. Section 32(L)(iii) provides that shippers have until the close of the 17th business day of each month following the month the imbalance occurred to complete any imbalance trade. The provision requires shippers to notify Northern at or prior to the 17th business day regarding any volumes traded, and Northern must then confirm any trade.

2. According to Northern, Tenaska Marketing Ventures' (Tenaska) activity for May 2007 resulted in a negative imbalance of 12,348 Dth, and Northwestern Energy Corporation's (Northwestern) activity for May 2007 resulted in a negative imbalance of 12,523 Dth. Tenaska states that it agreed to trade its May 2007 imbalance and, as Northwestern's agent, Northwestern's May 2007 imbalance to Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L) for offsetting positive imbalances. Northern states that the parties completed their respective Request for Imbalance Trade forms, but inadvertently failed to provide Northern with notification of their intended imbalance trades within the 17th business day, and as a result Northern could not confirm the trades. Accordingly, Northern initiated the cash-out procedures for Tenaska's and Northwestern's imbalances in accordance with section 32(L)(vii) of its GT&C. Northern states that since it is now aware of Tenaska's and Northwestern's desires to trade their May 2007 imbalances with WP&L, Northern requests authorization to waive the notification deadline set forth in section 32(L)(iii) of its GT&C to allow the trade.

3. The Commission noticed Northern's filing on July 24, 2007, allowing for protests as provided by section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Pursuant to Rule 214, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2007), all timely filed motions to intervene and any motions to intervene out-of-time filed before the issuance date of this order are granted. Granting late intervention at this stage of the proceeding will not disrupt this proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties. No party filed a protest or adverse comments.

4. For good cause shown, we grant Northern's limited waiver request. Granting this waiver will permit Tenaska, Northwestern, and WP&L to obtain the benefit of the trades they intended to make, with no party being harmed.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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