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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

May 28, 2008

In Reply Refer To:
Sabine Pipe Line Company
Docket No. RP08-370-000

Sabine Pipe Line LLC
c/o Chevron Pipe Line Company
4800 Fournace Place
Bellaire, TX 77401-2324

Attention: Mary Anne Collins, Regulatory Manager

Reference: Request for Temporary Waivers

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On May 8, 2008, Sabine Pipe Line LLC (Sabine) filed a request to temporarily waive certain tariff provisions, Commission regulations, and NAESB¹ standards, as delineated below, to account for potential system outages that may occur as a result of upgrades being made to the power plants that provide electric power to Sabine's website. The dates Sabine requests temporary waiver for are May 17 and 18, 2008, and June 21 and 22, 2008. Sabine states that having the upgrades performed may result in one or more power outages that render its website unavailable to shippers and potential shippers.

2. The specific tariff provisions, Commission regulations, and NAESB standards that Sabine seeks waiver of include: (1) NAESB Standard 5.3.34, set forth in section 6 of its General Terms and Conditions (GT&C), which governs the noticing of recalled capacity, bumped capacity, and operational flow orders; (2) NAESB Standard 5.3.40, set forth in section 22 of its GT&C, which delineates what information such notices should include; (3) ten NAESB standards set forth in section 23 of its GT&C,² all of which involve Electronic Delivery Mechanism standards and all of which Sabine incorporates by

¹ North American Energy Standards Board.

² Specifically, NAESB Standards 4.1.40, 4.3.23, 4.3.27, 4.3.28, 4.3.29, 4.3.89, 4.3.90, 4.3.91, 4.3.92, and 5.3.18.

reference into its tariff; (4) section 284.12(b)(3)(vi) of the Commission's regulations, which requires a pipeline to post notices of operational flow orders, critical periods, and other critical notices on its website; and, (5) section 284.13(d) of the Commission's regulations, which governs what information a pipeline must post on its website with regard to available capacity.

3. Sabine requests these waivers to ensure business continuity on its system in case of an unanticipated emergency. Sabine states that it will post notice of potential outage(s) on its website and distribute it to subscribing shippers no later than 5:00 PM, Central Clock Time, Friday, May 10, 2008, with the notice including alternative procedures to allow for the continued operation of service. Sabine asserts that, due to its small size, the limited number of website functions affected by the planned upgrade, and the short duration of the potential outage, its proposed waiver will not significantly impact existing or potential shippers, nor impede the flow of gas on its system or on the interstate grid. Sabine asserts that the Commission has granted similar requests for waivers under similar circumstances.³

4. The Commission issued notice of Sabine's waiver request on May 9, 2008, allowing for protests and interventions as provided by Rule 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.211 and 385.214 (2006). Pursuant to Rule 214, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2006), 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.

5. For good cause shown, we grant Sabine's request to waive the tariff provisions, Commission regulations, and NAESB standards discussed above.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

³ *Citing, Chandeleur Pipe Line Company, 117 FERC ¶ 61,051 (2006); Texas Eastern Transmission Co., et al., 116 FERC ¶ 61,152 (2006); Columbia Gas Transmission Co., et al., 116 FERC ¶ 61,067 (2006); Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C., 113 FERC ¶ 61,256 (2005); and, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corp., Pine Needle LNG Co., L.L.C., and Northwest Pipeline Corp., 113 FERC ¶ 61,252 (2005).*