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In Reply Refer To:  
CenterPoint Energy Gas  
Transmission Company  
Docket No. RP08-621-000

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Attention: Lawrence O. Thomas, Director  
Rate and Regulatory

Reference: Waiver Request and Semi-Annual Adjustment to Fuel Reimbursement  
Percentages and Electric Power Costs

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On September 15, 2008, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CEGT), filed revised tariff sheets<sup>1</sup> and supporting worksheets reflecting adjustments to its Fuel Reimbursement Percentages (FRPs) and Electric Power Costs (EPCs) pursuant to sections 27 and 28 of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its tariff. CEGT requests that the Commission grant a one-time waiver of its tariff provisions to implement the fuel percentages a month early and permit the proposed tariff sheets to become effective October 1, 2008. For the reasons discussed below, CEGT's revised tariff sheets are accepted effective October 1, 2008, as proposed.

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<sup>1</sup> Eighteenth Revised Sheet No. 17, Fifteenth Revised Sheet Nos. 18 and 19, Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 31 and Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 32 to FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1.

2. Public notice of CEGT's filing issued on September 17, 2008, with interventions and protests due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. §154.210 (2008)). Pursuant to Rule 214, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2008), 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 the proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties. No adverse comments or protests were filed.

3. Typically, CEGT's semi-annual filing would implement revised fuel rates to be effective November 1, 2008. CEGT states it is currently experiencing an inordinately large amount of over-collected gas associated with fuel, filling CEGT's storage fields ahead of schedule. Therefore, CEGT requests that the Commission permit CEGT to implement the proposed fuel percentages a month early, which would not only serve to alleviate CEGT's operational problems but would also implement rate reductions that would benefit all of CEGT's customers.

4. CEGT's worksheets provide supporting calculations used in deriving the proposed system-wide Fuel Use and Lost and Unaccounted-For Gas (LUFG) percentages, the EPC Tracker, and the revised Delhi Fuel Use and Wheeling LUFG percentages. The system-wide Fuel Use calculations exclude the volumes associated with (1) Perryville Hub wheeling transactions since wheeling transactions are exempt from Fuel Use assessment, and (2) the Line CP LUFG percentage which remains at 0.10 percent (Line CP is operated separately from the core system and, therefore, CEGT provides a Line CP system gas balance). During the instant time period, there was a *de minimis* gain at the Perryville Hub; therefore CEGT proposes a Wheeling LUFG percentage of zero.

5. Sections 27 and 28 of its GT&C require CEGT to file adjustments to its FRPs and EPCs on or before each April 1 and October 1, to be effective each May 1 and November 1, based on actual data for the twelve months ending December 31 and June 30, respectively. CEGT requests a one-time waiver of its tariff provisions to implement the revised tariff sheets effective on October 1, 2008, one month earlier than that stated in CEGT's GT&C.

6. The Commission finds that the subject filing provides the information necessary to support the filing's adjustments to CEGT's FRPs and EPCs. Implementing the revised fuel rate percentages, which are all lower than those currently in effect except for FSS and ISS service, will assist CEGT in its storage operation problems and place lower rates in effect a month early. Accordingly, the Commission grants a one-time waiver of

CEGT's tracker provisions in sections 27 and 28 of its GT&C, and accepts the proposed tariff sheets implementing CEGT's semi-annual fuel rates and EPCs, effective October 1, 2008.

By direction of the Commission.

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