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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

March 31, 2009

In Reply Refer To:  
Steckman Ridge, LP  
Docket No. RP09-389-000

Steckman Ridge, LP  
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Attention: Janice K. Devers  
General Manager, Tariffs and Commercial Development

Reference: Letter Order Accepting Tariff Sheets Subject to Condition

Dear Ms. Devers:

1. On February 24, 2009, Steckman Ridge, LP (Steckman Ridge) filed its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1<sup>1</sup> as contemplated by the Commission's June 5, 2008 certificate order in Docket No. CP08-15-000.<sup>2</sup> Steckman Ridge's proposed tariff reflects modifications required by the Certificate Order to the *pro forma* tariff submitted in Steckman Ridge's November 1, 2007 certificate application, as well as modifications to comply with the capacity release requirements promulgated by Order Nos. 712 and 712-A,<sup>3</sup> and modifications related to its LINK® customer interface. Steckman Ridge requests an April 1, 2009 effective date for the tendered tariff sheets, which Steckman Ridge states coincides with the start of the injection season and the date it intends to place

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix for a list of the proposed tariff sheets.

<sup>2</sup> *Steckman Ridge, LP*, 123 FERC ¶ 61,248 (2008) (Certificate Order).

<sup>3</sup> *Promotion of a More Efficient Capacity Release Market*, Order No. 712, 73 Fed. Reg. 37,058 (June 30, 2008), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,271 (2008), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 712-A, 73 Fed. Reg. 72,692 (December 1, 2008), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,284 (2008).

three wells into service. As discussed below, the Commission accepts the tendered tariff sheets to be effective April 1, 2009 as requested, subject to condition.

2. The Certificate Order directed Steckman Ridge to file revised tariff sheets that comply with the requirements of the order not less than sixty days prior to the commencement of service. Steckman Ridge states that the instant filing complies with the directives contained in the Certificate Order by incorporating the following changes in its tariff: (a) the Rate Statement, Rate Schedule, and Form of Service Agreement for Interruptible Wheeling Service have been eliminated, along with any cross-references to Interruptible Wheeling Service; (b) a Rate Statement, Rate Schedule, and Form of Service Agreement for Interruptible Storage Service have been eliminated, along with necessary conforming modifications to other sections of the tariff; (c) section 4.1 of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of Steckman Ridge's tariff has been revised to reflect that Steckman Ridge will communicate the results of its initial creditworthiness evaluation to the customer via email within ten days of its determination, and that such email will include the reasons for a determination that the customer is not creditworthy, if applicable; (d) section 4.2(e) of the GT&C has been revised to provide that (i) if a customer provides an advanced deposit to obtain service and subsequently satisfies the credit criteria, Steckman Ridge will return the advance deposit, plus interest, (ii) Steckman Ridge is responsible for any expenses related to the maintenance of an escrow account, and (iii) advance payments are considered collateral held for security and not prepayments for services; (e) in section 2.4 of Rate Schedules ELS and ILS, the phrase "at its sole discretion" has been replaced with "in a non-discriminatory manner," in section 10.3 of the GT&C, the word "sole" has been replaced with "non-discriminatory," and in GT&C section 12.3, "in its sole discretion" has been replaced with "in a non-discriminatory manner;" and (f) incorporated or revised certain NAESB Standards in section 5 of the GT&C.

3. In addition to the modifications made in compliance with the Certificate Order, Steckman Ridge's tendered tariff reflects the following additional modifications: (1) modifications to the LINK® customer interface system;<sup>4</sup> (2) modifications in light of Commission orders in rulemaking proceedings since the filing of Steckman Ridge's *pro forma* tariff, including Order Nos. 712 and 712-A;<sup>5</sup> and (3) minor clean-up changes.

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<sup>4</sup> Steckman Ridge states that these LINK® related modifications are similar to those submitted by other FERC-regulated entities operated by Spectra Energy Transmission, LLC or its subsidiaries since the filing of Steckman Ridge's *pro forma* tariff in November 2007.

<sup>5</sup> In Order Nos. 712 and 712-A, the Commission removed the maximum rate ceiling on capacity releases of one year or less that take effect within one year after the

4. Public notice of Steckman Ridge's filing was issued on November 17, 2008. Interventions and protests were 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 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 protests or adverse comments were filed.

5. The Commission finds that Steckman Ridge's proposed revisions to its tariff are generally consistent with the Certificate Order, Order Nos. 712 and 712-A, and the Commission's capacity releases policies. Accordingly, the Commission accepts Steckman Ridge's tariff filing to be effective April 1, 2009, subject to condition discussed below. Steckman Ridge is directed to file tariff sheets containing the revision discussed below within thirty days of the date of issuance of this order.

6. Steckman Ridge is directed to change tariff sheet heading "Sheet Nos. 67-70" to "Sheet Nos. 66-70."

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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pipeline is notified of the release. The Commission also modified its regulations in order to facilitate asset management arrangements (AMAs) by relaxing the Commission's prohibition on tying and on its bidding requirements for certain capacity releases. The Commission further clarified that its prohibition on tying does not apply to conditions associated with gas inventory held in storage for releases of firm storage capacity. Finally, the Commission waived its prohibition on tying and bidding requirements for capacity releases made as part of a state-approved retail access program. Steckman Ridge has been authorized to charge market-based rates and therefore, does not have maximum tariff rates. Accordingly, those portions of the Commission's regulations in section 284.8(h) that refer to maximum tariff rates are currently inapplicable to Steckman Ridge.

## APPENDIX

Steckman Ridge, LP  
FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1  
Tariff Sheets to be Effective April 1, 2009

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| Original Sheet No. 1  | Original Sheet No. 73  | Original Sheet No. 221 |
| Original Sheet No. 2  | Original Sheet No. 74  | Original Sheet No. 222 |
| Sheet No. 3           | Sheet Nos. 75-80       | Original Sheet No. 223 |
| Original Sheet No. 4  | Original Sheet No. 81  | Original Sheet No. 224 |
| Original Sheet No. 5  | Original Sheet No. 82  | Original Sheet No. 225 |
| Sheet Nos. 6-10       | Original Sheet No. 83  | Original Sheet No. 226 |
| Original Sheet No. 11 | Original Sheet No. 84  | Original Sheet No. 227 |
| Original Sheet No. 12 | Original Sheet No. 85  | Original Sheet No. 228 |
| Original Sheet No. 13 | Sheet Nos. 86-90       | Original Sheet No. 229 |
| Original Sheet No. 14 | Original Sheet No. 91  | Original Sheet No. 230 |
| Original Sheet No. 15 | Original Sheet No. 92  | Original Sheet No. 231 |
| Original Sheet No. 16 | Original Sheet No. 93  | Original Sheet No. 232 |
| Sheet Nos. 17-30      | Original Sheet No. 94  | Original Sheet No. 233 |
| Original Sheet No. 31 | Sheet Nos. 95-199      | Original Sheet No. 234 |
| Original Sheet No. 32 | Original Sheet No. 200 | Original Sheet No. 235 |
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| Sheet Nos. 38-50      | Original Sheet No. 206 | Original Sheet No. 241 |
| Original Sheet No. 51 | Original Sheet No. 207 | Original Sheet No. 242 |
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| Sheet Nos. 56-60      | Original Sheet No. 212 | Original Sheet No. 247 |
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| Original Sheet No. 65 | Original Sheet No. 217 | Original Sheet No. 252 |
| Sheet Nos. 67-70      | Original Sheet No. 218 | Original Sheet No. 253 |
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| Original Sheet No. 258 | Sheet Nos. 293-399     | Original Sheet No. 462 |
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| Original Sheet No. 260 | Original Sheet No. 401 | Sheet Nos. 464-499     |
| Original Sheet No. 261 | Original Sheet No. 402 | Original Sheet No. 500 |
| Original Sheet No. 262 | Original Sheet No. 403 | Sheet Nos. 501-600     |
| Original Sheet No. 263 | Original Sheet No. 404 |                        |
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