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In Reply Refer To:  
Texas Eastern Transmission, LP  
Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC  
Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.  
East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC  
Egan Hub Storage, LLC  
Moss Bluff Hub, LLC  
Saltville Gas Storage Company, L.L.C.  
Southeast Supply Header, LLC  
Steckman Ridge, LP

Docket No. RP09-834-000

Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C., East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC, Egan Hub Storage, LLC, Moss Bluff Hub, LLC, Saltville Gas Storage Company, L.L.C., Southeast Supply Header, LLC, and Steckman Ridge, LP  
5400 Westheimer Court  
Houston, TX 77056

Attention: Thomas L. Hall  
General Manager, FERC Compliance

Reference: Request for Temporary Waivers Due to System Maintenance of Electronic Bulletin Board

Dear Mr. Hall:

1. On July 17, 2009, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C., East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC, Egan Hub Storage, LLC, Moss Bluff Hub, LLC, Saltville Gas Storage Company, L.L.C.,

Southeast Supply Header, LLC, and Steckman Ridge, LP (collectively, Pipelines) filed a request for temporary waivers of certain tariff provisions, North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) standards, and related regulations due to system maintenance on their Electronic Bulletin Board system (LINK®).<sup>1</sup> The Pipelines state that the system maintenance is necessary to perform vendor-recommended system upgrades to prevent potential, unplanned outage of the LINK® system, which had recently experienced unexpected failures. The Pipelines state that conducting system maintenance on the LINK® system will cause it to be unavailable to customers from 8:00 p.m. Central Clock Time on Friday, July 24, 2009 until the projected end at 11:00 p.m. Central Clock Time on Saturday, July 25, 2009 (Outage Period).

2. The Pipelines request authority for temporary modifications to their nominations and scheduling processes prior to the Outage Period, as well as temporary suspension of these requirements during the Outage Period. The Pipelines state that the requested waivers are necessary to permit the following: (a) Moving the timely nomination and scheduling deadline for Sunday, July 26, 2009 to Friday, July 24, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. Central Clock Time for online, proprietary file transfers and Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) transactions; (b) Suspending all other nomination cycles during the Outage Period, although the Pipelines will continue to accept hard copy changes to nominations and Pre-Determined Allocations (PDAs) via a facsimile copy of the Nomination Change Form and the PDA Change Form available to customers in the Downloads Section of the Informational Postings Site within LINK®; in addition, the Pipelines will continue to process confirmation reductions from interconnecting parties during each NAESB cycle; (c) Waiving scheduling and imbalance penalties that are incurred solely as a result of this system maintenance; and (d) Suspending the updating of operational data in the Informational Postings Site of the LINK® system during the Outage Period; Informational Postings, updated as of the commencement of the Outage Period, and Critical Notice Postings will continue to be available during the Outage Period as well as the downloadable forms described above.<sup>2</sup>

3. The Pipelines state that measures described herein will enable the Pipelines' customers to make necessary advance nominations and scheduling arrangements while allowing the Pipelines to prevent a potential failure of the system and to complete the

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix for list of requested waivers.

<sup>2</sup> The Pipelines state that on July 17, 2009 they posted on their website a detailed explanation of these temporary modifications.

upgrade on both the primary and backup systems prior to the hurricane season. Accordingly, the Pipelines state that good cause exists to grant this request.<sup>3</sup>

4. Notice of the Pipelines' filing was issued on July 21, 2009. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2009). Pursuant to Rule 214, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2009), 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 the Pipelines' requested temporary waivers. Granting these waivers enabled the Pipelines' customers to make necessary advance nominations and scheduling arrangements while allowing the Pipelines to make the necessary upgrades to prevent a potential failure of their systems.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,  
Deputy Secretary.

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<sup>3</sup> Subsequently, the Pipelines informed customers that at 5:00 p.m. Central Clock Time on July 25, 2009 the LINK® system maintenance had been completed and the system was returned to full normal operation for all business units.

**APPENDIX**

1. Texas Eastern Transmission, LP General Terms and Conditions (GT&C):
  - A. Section 2 - Electronic Communications
  - B. Section 3.14 - Capacity Release
  - C. Section 4.1 - Scheduling of Storage and Transportation Services
  - D. Section 16.1 - Informational Postings
  
2. Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC GT&C:
  - A. Section 14 - Capacity Release
  - B. Section 22 – Nominations
  - C. Section 23.4 - Scheduling Penalty
  - D. Section 31.2 - Penalty Payment
  - E. Section 38.3 - Informational Postings
  - F. Section 40 - Electronic Communications
  
3. Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. GT&C:
  - A. Section 2 - Electronic Communication
  - B. Section 5 - Service Nomination Procedure
  - C. Section 9 - Capacity Release
  - D. Section 25.1 - Informational Postings
  
4. East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC GT&C:
  - A. Section 15 - Scheduling of Receipts and Deliveries
  - B. Section 17 - Temporary Release or Permanent Assignment of Rights to Firm Transportation Service
  - C. Section 18 - Temporary Release or Permanent Assignment of Rights to LNGS Service
  - D. Section 23 - Electronic Communication
  - E. Section 35.5 - Informational Postings
  - F. Section 47.6 - Unauthorized Delivery Imbalance Charge
  
5. Egan Hub Storage, LLC GT&C:
  - A. Section 4 - Capacity Release
  - B. Section 8 - Nominations and Scheduling
  - C. Section 22.1 - Informational Postings
  - D. Section 32 - Electronic Communication

6. Moss Bluff Hub, LLC Statement of Operating Conditions:

- A. Section 4 - Priority, Scheduling and Curtailment of Services
- B. Section 8 – Nominations
- C. Section 22 - Electronic Communication

7. Saltville Gas Storage Company, L.L.C. GT&C:

- A. Section 4 - Capacity Release
- B. Section 5 - Scheduling and Curtailment of Service
- C. Section 8 – Nominations
- D. Section 21.1 - Informational Postings
- E. Section 28 - Electronic Communication

8. Southeast Supply Header, LLC GT&C:

- A. Section 4 – Nominations
- B. Section 6 - Scheduling and Curtailment
- C. Section 7 - Determination of Daily Allocated Receipts and Deliveries
- D. Section 23 - Penalties and Penalty Crediting Mechanism
- E. Section 24 - Electronic Communication
- F. Section 26 - Capacity Release
- G. Section 33.2 - Informational Postings

9. Steckman Ridge, LP GT&C:

- A. Section 2 - Electronic Communication
- B. Section 5 - Capacity Release
- C. Section 10 – Nominations
- D. Section 13 - Scheduling and Curtailment
- E. Section 21.1 - Informational Postings

10. NAESB Standards as applicable to all Pipelines:

- A. Nomination Related Standards
- B. Flowing Gas Related Standards
- C. Electronic Delivery Mechanism Related Standards
- D. Capacity Release Related Standards

11. Commission Regulations as applicable to all Pipelines:

- A. Section 284.12 - Standards for pipeline business operations and communications
- B. Section 284.13 - Reporting requirements for interstate pipelines