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In Reply Refer To:

Southeast Supply Header, LLC
Docket No. RP09-1059-000

Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.
Docket No. RP09-1060-000

Steckman Ridge, LP
Docket No. RP09-1061-000

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Reference: Request for Waiver of NAESB Standard 4.3.23

Dear Ms. Devers and Mr. McHugh:

1. On September 22, 2009, three jurisdictional pipelines (the Applicants)¹ filed separate requests for waivers of the Commission's regulations to permit the adoption of revised North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) Wholesale Gas Quadrant

¹ Southeast Supply Header, LLC; Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.; and Steckman Ridge, LP.

(WGQ) Gas Standard 4.3.23² (Revised Standard 4.3.23) in place of the standard that is currently incorporated into the Commission's regulations.³ As discussed more fully below, the requests for waiver are granted, and the tariff sheets are accepted effective November 16, 2009 as requested, subject to condition.

2. Notice of the Applicants' filings was issued on September 23, 2009. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2009). No party filed a protest or adverse comments.

3. The Applicants explain that the standard that is currently incorporated into the Commission's regulations (i.e., Version 1.8) does not reflect the Commission's revised Standards of Conduct set forth in Commission Order No. 717⁴ and Section 358 of the Commission's regulations.⁵ Order No. 717 was issued after the adoption of the Version 1.8 Gas Standards by NAESB. Version 1.8 contains certain categories of information that pipelines are to use to post publicly available information on their websites that are no longer applicable and does not reflect all of the standards of conduct information that is required to be posted. Therefore the Applicants request waiver of the Commission's regulations to permit them to adopt the updated requirements of 4.3.23 in lieu of the Version 1.8 standard currently in the Commission's regulations and their tariffs.

4. For good cause shown, the Commission grants Applicants' requested waivers to permit them to adopt Revised Standard 4.3.23 in their tariffs, and accepts the related tariff sheets effective November 16, 2009, subject to the outcome of the pending proceeding in Docket No. RM96-1-036. The Applicant's request is consistent with the Commission's holding in Order No. 587-T⁶ that pipelines would not be required to continue to post affiliate information that is no longer required as a result of Order No. 717. Further, granting these waivers will enable Applicants to better align their pipelines' posting

² Pursuant to Recommendation to NAESB WGQ Executive Committee WGQ 2008 Annual Plan Item 10 and Request No. R08026, which was included in Version 1.9 of the NAESB WGQ Standards now pending before the Commission in Docket No. RM96-1-036.

³ See Appendix for list of tariff sheets related to the requested waivers.

⁴ *Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers*, Order No. 717, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,280 (2008).

⁵ See 18 C.F.R § 358.7 Transparency Rule.

⁶ *Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, Order No. 587-T, 74 FR 9162 (March 3, 2009), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,289 (2009).

requirements under NAESB Standard 4.3.23 with the standards of conduct requirements of Order No. 717.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

APPENDIX

Conditionally Accepted, Effective November 16, 2009

Docket No. RP09-1059-000
FERC Gas Tariff
Original Volume No. 1
Second Revised Sheet No. 342

Docket No. RP09-1060-000
FERC Gas Tariff
First Revised Volume No. 1
Eighth Revised Sheet No. 307

Docket No. RP09-1061-000
FERC Gas Tariff
Original Volume No. 1
Second Revised Sheet No. 281