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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

February 28, 2011

In Reply Refer To:  
Northern Natural Gas Company  
Docket No. RP11-40-000

Northern Natural Gas Company  
1111 South 103rd Street  
Omaha, NE 68124

Attention: Dari R. Dornan, Senior Counsel

Reference: Waiver Request

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On October 6, 2010, as amended October 14, 2010, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed a petition for limited waiver of its FERC Gas Tariff (Tariff) in order to allow Northern States Power Company, A Minnesota Company (Generation) (NSP Generation) to resolve an imbalance by the imbalance-to-storage mechanism outside of the timelines set forth in the Tariff. For good cause shown, as described below, the Commission grants Northern's request for limited waiver.
2. Northern states that section 32(F) Resolution of Imbalance, Eighth Revised Sheet No. 269 of Northern's General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) provides that shippers will have until the 12<sup>th</sup> business day of the month to access Northern's website to elect which imbalance resolution mechanism they will use and the volumes associated with each mechanism. Any volumes not designated to be resolved by using trading, imbalance-to-storage, or in-kind resolution will automatically be cashed out.
3. Northern states that NSP Generation's activity for July 2010 resulted in a monthly negative imbalance of 517 Dth. Northern states that NSP Generation arranged an imbalance-to-storage across legal entities with Northern States Power Company, A Minnesota Company (NSP Minnesota). Northern states that the imbalance-to-storage was agreed to between NSP Generation and NSP Minnesota on August 12, 2010, and documented by executing the "Request for Imbalance to Storage Across Legal Entities" form. Northern explains that the completed form was faxed to Northern for confirmation,

but the electronic election was not completed. According to Northern, because the electronic election was not completed, the imbalance volumes remained with NSP Generation, and Northern completed the standard cash-out process. Northern states that on August 18, 2010, it became aware of the parties' intention to resolve the imbalance by the imbalance-to-storage mechanism.

4. Northern states that it is requesting a waiver of its Tariff in order to allow the parties to resolve the imbalance volumes as they had originally intended. Northern argues that no party will be harmed by approval of the waiver.

5. Public notice of Northern's filing was issued on October 8, 2010. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2010)). Pursuant to Rule 214, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2010), 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.

6. For good cause shown, we grant Northern a limited waiver of the imbalance resolution election timeframe provisions set forth in section 32(F) of its GT&C. Granting this limited waiver will allow the parties to resolve the July 2010 imbalance as intended, and will not adversely impact other shippers on Northern's system.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.