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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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In Reply Refer To:  
Northern Natural Gas Company  
Docket No. RP11-1720-000

Northern Natural Gas Company  
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Omaha, NE 68124

Attention: Dari R. Dornan, Senior Counsel

Reference: Waiver Request

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On January 24, 2011, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed a petition for limited waiver of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its FERC Gas Tariff (Tariff) to allow Bushmills Ethanol, Inc. (Bushmills) to resolve an imbalance by the balance-to-storage mechanism outside of the timelines set forth in its Tariff. As discussed below, the Commission grants Northern's request for limited waiver.
2. Section 32 (F) Resolution of Imbalance, on Original Revised Sheet No. 269 of Northern's GT&C states 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(s) they will use and the volume associated with each mechanism. If no election is made, imbalances are resolved via the cashout mechanism by default. Bushmills activity for November 2010 resulted in a monthly credit imbalance of 5,137 Dth. Bushmills inadvertently failed to elect the imbalance-to-storage option on a timely basis.
3. By this petition, Northern is specifically requesting a waiver of its Tariff as necessary to allow Bushmills to resolve its November imbalance volumes using the imbalance-to-storage option even though the election was made out of time. Northern states that no party will be harmed by granting of such waiver.
4. Public notice of Northern's filing was issued on January 28, 2011. 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.

5. 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 Bushmills to resolve its November 2010 imbalance as intended, and will not adversely impact other shippers on Northern's system.

By direction of the Commission.

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