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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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In Reply Refer To:  
Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line  
Company, LP  
Docket No. RP12-797-000

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP  
5051 Westheimer Road  
Houston, TX 77056-5622

Attention: Lawrence J. Blediger, Sr. Director, Rates and Regulatory Affairs

Reference: Out-of-Cycle Revision to Fuel Reimbursement Percentages

Dear Mr. Blediger:

1. On June 11, 2012, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP (Panhandle) filed revised tariff records<sup>1</sup> pursuant to section 154.403 of the Commission's regulations and Section 24 of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of Panhandle's tariff. Panhandle is proposing an out-of-cycle revision to its fuel reimbursement percentages, effective July 1, 2012. Because of the probable continued over-recovery of fuel reimbursement on its system and the need to reduce the fuel reimbursement percentages as soon as practicable, Panhandle requests that the Commission grant waiver of section 154.207 of the Commission's Regulations, Section 24.1 of the GT&C of its tariff and any other waivers that may be necessary to allow the proposed tariff records to become effective on July 1, 2012. As discussed below, the Commission accepts the tariff records referenced in Footnote No. 1, effective July 1, 2012, and grants the requested waivers.

2. The out-of-cycle fuel filing reflects the following adjustment to the fuel reimbursement percentages:

- a. No change in the Gathering Fuel Reimbursement Percentage;

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix.

- b. A 0.45 percent decrease from 0.90 percent to 0.45 percent in the Field Zone Fuel Reimbursement Percentage;
  - c. A 0.15 percent decrease from 0.50 percent to 0.35 percent in the Market Zone Fuel Reimbursement Percentage;
  - d. No change in the Injection and no change in the Withdrawal Field Area Storage Reimbursement Percentages; and
  - e. No change in the Injection and no change in the Withdrawal Market Area Storage Reimbursement Percentages.
3. Appendix B of Panhandle's filing shows the estimated amount of fuel usage and lost and unaccounted for gas that will be required for the projected transportation volumes under Panhandle's transportation rate schedules based upon the recent change in utilization and flow patterns. Panhandle states that utilization and flow patterns have continued to change on Panhandle's system, thereby requiring less overall compressor fuel usage. Panhandle states that its deferred over-recovered balance account has continued to increase as a result of the over projections of fuel based on historical flow patterns underlying the current fuel rates. Panhandle notes that the balance of its deferred account as of May 31, 2012, related to transportation, was an over-recovered balance of approximately 3.0 Bcf. Panhandle avers that without any change to the currently effective fuel reimbursement percentages, the over-recovery in its deferred account balance will only continue to grow. Therefore, Panhandle proposes as a stop gap measure, to reduce the current fuel reimbursement rates effective July 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012.
4. Section 24.1 of Panhandle's GT&C provides that Panhandle will file its fuel reimbursement adjustment to be effective each November 1 and April 1. Panhandle requests waiver of Section 24.1 of its GT&C to allow it to make an out-of-cycle filing to reduce its fuel reimbursement adjustment percentages to be effective July 1, 2012. Panhandle states that it will file its next regularly scheduled fuel tracker filing on October 1, 2012, to be effective November 1, 2012.
5. Public notice of the filing was issued on June 13, 2012. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2011)). Pursuant to Rule 214 (18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2011)), all timely filed motions to intervene and any unopposed motion to intervene out-of-time filed before the issuance of this order are granted. Granting late intervention at this stage of the proceeding will not disrupt the proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties. No protests or adverse comments were filed.

6. Panhandle's out-of cycle filing is unopposed and will result in lower customer fuel rates on its system. The Commission finds that good cause exists to grant Panhandle's requested waivers to allow it to implement an out-of-cycle adjustment filing, effective July 1, 2012.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,  
Deputy Secretary.

APPENDIX

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP  
FERC NGA Gas Tariff  
Fourth Revised Volume No. 1

Accepted Effective July 1, 2012

[Rate Schedule FT, Currently Effective Rates, 6.0.0](#)  
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