

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

July 29, 2004

In Reply Refer To:  
Viking Gas Transmission Company  
Docket No. RP04-371-000

Viking Gas Transmission Company  
P.O. Box 542500  
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Attention: Raymond D. Nepl, Vice President  
Regulatory Affairs & Market Services

Reference: Revised List of Available Discounts

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On July 1, 2004, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking) filed revised tariff sheets to amend section 17<sup>1</sup> of its General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) to add a provision which identifies the types of discounts that Viking may offer its customers without creating a material deviation from Viking's *pro forma* service agreement. Viking requests the revised tariff sheets become effective August 1, 2004. We accept the revised tariff sheets, effective August 1, 2004, as proposed. Our action benefits the public by enhancing pipeline transportation services and ensuring that pipeline contracting procedures comply with the Commission's discounting policy.

2. Specifically, Viking proposes to add subsection 17.2 to its GT&C to provide for the following types of discounts: 1) specific quantities; 2) quantities above or below a certain level, or all quantities if a certain level is achieved; 3) specified time periods; 4) specific receipt points, delivery points, transportation paths, or defined geographical areas; 5) specific relationship to the quantities actually transported; 6) rate component which subsequently exceeds the applicable Maximum Rate due to a change in Viking's

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<sup>1</sup> Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 39, Fifth Revised Sheet No. 63, and Original Sheet No. 63A of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1.

Maximum Rates, and such rate component must be adjusted downward to equal the new Maximum Rates, then other rate components may be adjusted upward to achieve the agreed-to overall rate; and, 7) based upon published index prices for specific receipt or delivery points or other agreed-upon published reference points.

3. The Commission noticed Viking's filing on July 8, 2004, permitting comments, protests, or interventions as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2004)). Notices of intervention and unopposed timely filed motions to intervene are granted pursuant to the operation of Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2004)). Any opposed or untimely motion to intervene is governed by the provisions of Rule 214. No party protests or opposes Viking's filing.

By direction of the Commission.

Linda Mitry,  
Acting Secretary.

cc: All Parties