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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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In Reply Refer To:  
Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line  
Corporation  
Docket No. RP05-276-000

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation  
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Attention: Marg Camardello  
Manager, Tariffs and Certificates

Reference: Fourth Revised Sheet No. 135F to FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised  
Volume No. 1.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On April 20, 2005 Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), filed the referenced tariff sheet to delete Public Service Electric & Gas (PSE&G) from the list of Buyers in section 8.2 of Rate Schedule WSS-OA that have WSS-OA Base Gas purchase rights. Transco also requests waiver of section 154.207 of the Commission's regulations so that the tariff sheet may become effective on March 31, 2005, the date of PSE&G's permanent release of capacity. One party filed a request for clarification. For good cause shown waiver of the notice period is granted and the revised tariff sheet is accepted effective March 31, 2005. As discussed below the Commission's grants the requested clarification.

2. Section 8.2 of Transco's Rate Schedule WSS-OA identifies the base gas quantity attributable to each Buyer and provides that the Buyer has a right to purchase such base gas upon termination of service. Transco states that, pursuant to section 42.14 of the General Terms and Conditions of its tariff, PSEG Energy Resources and Trade LLC (PSEG ER&T)<sup>1</sup> permanently released its WSS-OA service effective March 31, 2005 and

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<sup>1</sup> PSEG ER&T assumed all obligations of PSE&G as a result of a corporate restructuring and name change.

elected to purchase the 1,553,200 Mcf of WSS-OA base gas attributable to its contract. Transco states that pursuant to section 8.1 of Rate Schedule WSS-OA, it will replace such quantity of base gas prior to the start of the 2005-2006 winter heating season.

3. Public notice of the filing was issued on April 22, 2005. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Pursuant to Rule 214 (18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2004)), all timely filed motions to intervene and any motion 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 the proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties. Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) filed a motion to intervene and request for clarification, which is discussed below.

4. In its request for clarification, Con Edison states that it has no objection to Transco's requested tariff revision. However, Con Edison requests that the Commission clarify that approval of Transco's proposed tariff revision does not prejudice any issues raised by Transco's planned purchase of WSS-OA replacement base gas and that these issues are appropriately addressed in either Transco's next Natural Gas Act (NGA) section 4 general rate case or a section 5 complaint case. The Commission grants Con Edison's request for clarification. Issues associated with Transco's purchase of replacement WSS-OA base gas may be addressed in either Transco's next NGA section 4 rate case or a section 5 complaint case.

By direction of the Commission.

Linda Mitry,  
Deputy Secretary.