

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

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In Reply Refer To:
Northern Natural Gas Company
Docket No. RP07-75-000

Northern Natural Gas Company
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Attention: Dari R. Dornan, Senior Counsel

Reference: Waiver Request

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On November 21, 2006, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed a petition to waive certain tariff provisions to facilitate a prior period adjustment. Northern states that for October 2006, it inadvertently billed CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas (CenterPoint) for a total usage of 64,037 Dth at its Jordan #2 delivery point, instead of CenterPoint's actual usage of 2,024 Dth. Northern states that for this billing, it valued the quantities of gas at the high Monthly Index Price (MIP) pursuant to the imbalance resolution provisions set forth in section 32 of its General Terms and Conditions (GT&C). Northern contends, however, that to resolve this billing error, it must execute a prior period adjustment with CenterPoint.¹ Section 32(H) of Northern's GT&C requires Northern to value gas for any prior period adjustment at the average MIP. Northern asserts that valuing the overcharged gas quantities at the average MIP for the prior period adjustment harms CenterPoint, since it initially billed CenterPoint for those quantities at

¹ Section 2 of Northern's GT&C provides that a meter adjustment or correction becomes a prior period adjustment after the fifth business day following the production month.

the high MIP. Accordingly, Northern requests waiver of any tariff provisions necessary to value the gas for its prior period adjustment with CenterPoint at the high MIP, so that CenterPoint does not experience any financial harm from Northern's billing error.

2. The Commission noticed Northern's filing on November 29, 2006, allowing for protests as provided by section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Pursuant to Rule 214, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2006), 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.

3. For good cause shown, we grant Northern's waiver request. Granting this waiver will allow Northern to execute a prior period adjustment with CenterPoint to resolve a billing error without causing CenterPoint any financial harm.

By direction of the Commission.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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