

121 FERC ¶ 61,076  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman;  
Sudeen G. Kelly, Marc Spitzer,  
Philip D. Moeller, and Jon Wellinghoff.

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC

Docket No. RP07-504-000

ORDER ON MOTION FOR A SHORTENED SUSPENSION PERIOD AND TO  
PLACE TARIFF SHEETS INTO EFFECT

(Issued October 22, 2007)

1. On September 7, 2007, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (Algonquin) filed an Agreed Motion for a Shortened Suspension Period and to Place Tariff Sheets into Effect. Algonquin requests that the Commission permit its revised tariff sheets proposing new gas quality and interchangeability provisions to go into effect as of November 25, 2007, subject to the outcome of this proceeding. As discussed below, the Commission grants the motion to allow the proposed tariff sheets to become effective November 25, 2007, subject to conditions and further Commission orders.

**Background**

2. On June 29, 2007, Algonquin filed revised tariff sheets proposing new tariff provisions regarding gas quality and interchangeability. Algonquin requested that if the Commission decided to suspend the tariff sheets, it do so for four months, to become effective December 1, 2007, so that Algonquin would have revised gas quality specifications in effect when the Northeast Gateway Project begins delivering gas to Algonquin. On July 30, 2007, the Commission issued an order accepting and suspending the tariff sheets, to be effective January 1, 2008, or date set by subsequent Commission order, subject to the outcome of the technical conference established in the order and further orders of the Commission.<sup>1</sup> Staff convened the technical conference on August 21, 2007. A number of issues raised by Algonquin's proposed tariff revisions were not resolved at the technical conference.

**Motion**

3. Algonquin moves that its proposed tariff sheets become effective as of November 25, 2007, rather than January 1, 2008. Algonquin states that the Northeast

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<sup>1</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 120 FERC ¶ 61,114 (2007).

Gateway Project has indicated that it may begin flowing gas as early as November 25, 2007, and the project will be capable of delivering significant quantities of regasified LNG into the east end of Algonquin's system. Algonquin argues that to provide certainty concerning the gas quality specifications to be in effect when such deliveries commence, it is desirable that the proposed tariff sheets become effective November 25, 2007.

4. Algonquin has circulated the subject motion among all the parties to this proceeding. Algonquin contends that each party that has responded either supports or does not oppose the motion, with the understanding that the motion will not affect any party's right to advocate any position in this proceeding. Algonquin states that certain parties' agreement to the change in effective date is based on the fact that there will be a chromatograph at the Weymouth Meter Station 332 on Algonquin's system for gas from the Northeast Gateway Project and that Algonquin will post gas quality data from the chromatograph on its website when the Northeast Gateway Project is placed in service.

#### **Discussion**

5. The Commission finds that proposed gas quality specifications should be in effect when the Northeast Gateway Project is placed in service to provide certainty concerning the gas quality specifications to be in effect when such deliveries commence. Accordingly, Algonquin's motion is granted, subject to further Commission orders, there being a chromatograph at the Weymouth Meter Station 332 on Algonquin's system for gas from the Northeast Gateway Project and Algonquin posting gas quality data from the chromatograph on its website when the Northeast Gateway Project is placed in service.

#### **The Commission orders:**

Algonquin's motion is granted as discussed above, subject to conditions and further Commission orders.

By the Commission.

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Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.