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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

October 31, 2007

In Reply Refer To:  
Northern Natural Gas Company  
Docket No. RP07-484-000

Northern Natural Gas Company  
1111 South 103rd Street  
Omaha, NE 68124

Attention: Dari R. Dornan, Senior Counsel

Reference: Limited Waiver Request

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On June 8, 2007, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed a petition for a limited waiver of the General Terms & Conditions (GT&C) of its FERC Gas Tariff to allow Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (GMG) to extend its firm transportation entitlement on a currently effective firm throughput service agreement despite GMG's inadvertent failure to meet the thirty-day deadline to execute the agreement as required under Northern's tariff.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, Northern requests a limited waiver so that it can accept GMG's amended agreement under Rate Schedule TFX (TFX Agreement), which was executed five days after the thirty-day deadline.

2. Northern states that on February 12, 2007, it sent GMG a right of first refusal (ROFR) notice of the pending expiration of the TFX Agreement. GMG returned the executed form to Northern on April 13, 2007, indicating that GMG elected to extend its entitlement for five years at maximum tariff rates. Northern states that it processed the request and sent an amendment to the TFX Agreement to GMG on May 1, 2007; however, GMG did not return the amendment and request form until June 5, 2007 due to the absence of the GMG employee responsible for processing the amendment. Northern notes that GMG is a small operation with limited resources and that it is crucial for GMG to retain its entitlement under this agreement because the agreement covers almost seventy-five percent

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<sup>1</sup> See Substitute 13 Revised Sheet No. 252 of Northern's FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1.

of the total firm entitlement that GMG holds on Northern's system. Northern also states that granting the waiver will not affect service to other transportation or storage customers on its system in any way.

3. The Commission noticed Northern's filing on June 13, 2007, with protests due as provided by section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Pursuant to Rule 214, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2007), 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.

4. For good cause shown, we grant Northern's waiver request. Granting this waiver will allow Northern to accept the amended TFX Agreement and will allow GMG to extend the TFX Agreement for five years. Further, granting this waiver will not affect other shippers on Northern's system.

By direction of the Commission.

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Secretary.

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