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In Reply Refer To:
Northern Natural Gas Company
Docket No. RP09-28-000

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

Reference: Waiver Request

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On October 21, 2008, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed a petition for limited waiver of its General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) to resolve a prior period billing inaccuracy with Wisconsin Power & Light Company (WP&L). According to Northern, a measurement error dating back to August 2007 caused WP&L to be billed for more gas usage than was actually provided by Northern. Section 2 of Northern's GT&C states, "Measurement data corrections must be processed within six (6) months of the production month with a three (3) month rebuttal period." Northern states that it was able to make prior period adjustments to correct the errors for six months. However, the months of August 2007 through February 2008 are beyond the allowed six month correction period contained within section 2.

2. Northern states that it has agreed with WP&L to resolve the error by providing a credit of the 70,084 Dth gas volume imbalance valued at the current market value. The current market price will be the average of the published Gas Daily price at Northern's Demarcation point minus \$0.005 for the days of October 18, 2008, through October 24, 2008. Accordingly, Northern requests a limited waiver of its GT&C so that it can complete the August 2007 through February 2008 invoice adjustments for WP&L.

3. The Commission noticed Northern's filing on October 22, 2008, allowing for protests as provided by section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Pursuant to Rule 214, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2008), 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 a limited waiver of the measurement data correction provisions set forth in section 2 of its GT&C. Granting this waiver will allow Northern to complete its prior period invoice adjustment with WP&L and to credit WP&L the imbalance volume amount for August 2007 through February 2008.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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