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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

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In Reply Refer To:
Sabine Pipe Line LLC
Docket No. RP09-230-000

Sabine Pipe Line LLC
c/o Chevron Pipe Line Company
4800 Fournace Place
Bellaire, TX 77401

Attention: Jeffrey L. Kirk

Reference: Request for Temporary Waiver

Dear Mr. Kirk:

1. On January 21, 2009, Sabine Pipe Line LLC (Sabine) filed a request to temporarily waive certain tariff provisions, Commission regulations, and North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) standards, as delineated below, to account for potential system outages that may occur as a result of upgrades being made to the software that supports Sabine's website. The dates for which Sabine requests temporary waiver are January 30 and 31, 2009. Sabine states it was made aware of the potential outages on January 12, 2009, and unsuccessfully tried to postpone the upgrade to afford it more time to notify the Commission and its customers.
2. The specific tariff provisions, Commission regulations, and NAESB standards that Sabine seeks waiver of are:
 - a. NAESB Standard 5.3.34, set forth in section 23 of its General Terms and Conditions (GT&C), which governs the noticing of recalled capacity, bumped capacity, and operational flow orders;
 - b. NAESB Standard 5.3.40, set forth in section 23 of its GT&C, which delineates what information such notices should include;

- c. ten other NAESB standards set forth in section 23 of its GT&C,¹ all of which involve Electronic Delivery Mechanism standards;
 - d. section 284.12 of the Commission's regulations, which sets standards for pipelines business operations and communications; in particular, section 284.12(b)(3)(vi) pertaining to Critical Notices; and
 - e. section 284.13(d) of the Commission's regulations, which governs what information a pipeline must post on its website with regard to available capacity.
3. Sabine requests these waivers to ensure business continuity on its system in case of a system outage. Sabine states that it would post notice of potential outage(s) on its website no later than January 28, 2009, and would provide details of how customers can still transact business via email or fax. Sabine asserts that, due to its small size, the limited number of website functions affected by the planned upgrade, and the short duration of any potential outage, its proposed waiver will not significantly affect existing or potential shippers, nor impede the flow of gas on its system or on the interstate grid. Sabine asserts that the Commission has granted similar requests for waivers under similar circumstances.²
4. The Commission issued notice of Sabine's waiver request on January 14, 2009, allowing for protests and interventions as provided by Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. §§ 385.211 and 385.214 (2008). Pursuant to Rule 214, 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.
5. For good cause shown, we grant Sabine's request to waive the tariff provisions, Commission regulations, and NAESB standards discussed above. We remind Sabine that it should endeavor to provide its customers and the public sufficient notice of its

¹ Specifically, Sabine incorporates NAESB Standards 4.1.40, 4.3.23, 4.3.27, 4.3.28, 4.3.29, 4.3.89, 4.3.90, 4.3.91, 4.3.92, and 5.3.18.

² *E.g.*, *Chandeleur Pipe Line Company*, 117 FERC ¶ 61,051 (2006); *Texas Eastern Transmission Co., et al.*, 116 FERC ¶ 61,152 (2006); *Columbia Gas Transmission Co., et al.*, 116 FERC ¶ 61,067 (2006); *Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C.*, 113 FERC ¶ 61,256 (2005); *Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corp., Pine Needle LNG Co., L.L.C., and Northwest Pipeline Corp.*, 113 FERC ¶ 61,252 (2005).

proposed actions and, therefore, in the future, it should file any similar waiver proposal at least 12 days in advance of the proposed effective date to the extent it is able to do so.

By direction of the Commission. Commissioner Kelliher is not participating.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.