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In Reply Refer To:
Midwestern Gas Transmission Company
Docket No. RP09-352-000

Midwestern Gas Transmission Company
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Reference: Implementation of Rate Schedule FT-C

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On February 6, 2009, Midwestern Gas Transmission Company (Midwestern) filed revised tariff sheets¹ to implement a new conditional firm transportation service under Rate Schedule FT-C. Pursuant to this rate schedule, shippers receiving firm service on Midwestern's southbound system leg would be subject to curtailment because of compressor run time limitations. Along with its proposed rate schedule, Midwestern filed a proposed *pro forma* Rate Schedule FT-C service agreement and made other attendant tariff changes. We accept Midwestern's revised tariff sheets to become effective March 6, 2009, as proposed. Implementing Rate Schedule FT-C will allow Midwestern to better utilize system capacity, and offer shippers greater operational flexibility and better access to markets in Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky.

2. Midwestern currently provides firm transportation service on its system under Rate Schedules FT-A and FT-B. Midwestern recently installed two new compressors and a turbine that will allow it to transport gas southbound from its interconnect with Rockies Express Pipeline Company, L.L.C. to a delivery point in Portland, Tennessee. According to Midwestern, due to Illinois State Environmental Protection Agency emission limits, it can only operate its turbine an estimated 6,090 hours over a rolling 12-month period. As a result, Midwestern states it cannot offer firm service on this segment under Rate

¹ See Appendix.

Schedule FT-A since it cannot guarantee gas flow. Accordingly, Midwestern proposes to implement a new Rate Schedule FT-C for firm transportation on this southbound leg. Under its proposal, when Midwestern is operating its turbine, shippers contracting for firm service under Rate Schedule FT-C would receive service up to the quantity specified in their respective agreements. When Midwestern is not operating its turbine due to emission limits, it would curtail service under Rate Schedule FT-C, and credit shippers a reservation charge for the time it curtailed service.

3. According to Midwestern, it has 60,000 Dth per day of capacity available for operation under Rate Schedule FT-C.² Midwestern proposes to charge its effective Rate Schedule FT-A tariff rates for service under Rate Schedule FT-C. Midwestern states in the event it curtails service due to the compressor limitations, it would provide a full reservation rate credit to the FT-C shippers for the duration of any such curtailment.³ Midwestern contends using the Commission-approved Rate Schedule FT-A rate for Rate Schedule FT-C service, with reservation charge credits for any pertinent curtailment, is appropriate given that terms, conditions, and quality of services it offers under these two rate schedules are identical, save for the curtailment provision.

4. To provide shippers guidance on the potential for near-term curtailment, Midwestern proposes to post a monthly report of actual turbine runtime hours by the 15th day of the following month. Midwestern states its proposed FT-C service would increase shipper flexibility and access to markets in Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky. It asserts the service would not adversely affect its existing transportation services, and would cause no change to existing receipt and delivery point flexibility, nominating and scheduling priorities, allocation of capacity, curtailment practices, or operating conditions.

5. The Commission issued public notice of Midwestern's filing on February 11, 2009. Interventions and protests were due 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

² Midwestern states it held a non-binding open season for firm capacity under Rate Schedule FT-C, and entered into precedent agreements with five shippers, all at the maximum tariff rate, fully subscribing system capacity under the rate schedule.

³ Midwestern states curtailed shippers may nominate and schedule gas on an alternate path (for example, northbound on a secondary basis), in which case FT-C charges would still apply.

proceeding will not disrupt this proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties. No party filed a protest or adverse comments.

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

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Appendix

Midwestern Gas Transmission Company
Third Revised Volume No. 1

Tariff Sheets Accepted Effective March 6, 2009

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