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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

July 29, 2009

In Reply Refer To:  
Viking Gas Transmission  
Company  
Docket No. RP09-807-000

ONEOK Partners GP, L.L.C.  
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Attention: Ron M. Mucci  
Vice President, Rates & Regulatory Affairs

Reference: Tariff Revisions

Dear Mr. Mucci:

1. On July 1, 2009, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking Gas) filed revised tariff sheets<sup>1</sup> to make certain housekeeping updates to its tariff and modify several *pro forma* agreements. The Commission accepts the revised tariff sheets to be effective August 1, 2009, subject to conditions, as discussed below.

2. Viking Gas proposes to make certain housekeeping updates to its tariff, including changing the coversheet to list the name and phone number of its new Vice President of Rates & Regulatory Affairs and deleting two negotiated rate agreements that have expired. Viking Gas also proposes to make certain changes to its *pro forma* Firm, Interruptible, and Released Transportation Agreements to make them more consistent and more applicable to its shippers.

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix.

3. In addition to these tariff revisions, Viking Gas proposes to remove the following agreements from its tariff and post them on its website: Operational Balancing Agreement (OBA) For Use at Delivery Points; OBA For Use at Receipt Points; Master Electronic Transactions Agreement; Electronic Communications Agreement; Electronic Data Interchange Trading Partner Agreement; Agency Authorization Agreement. Viking Gas states that these agreements can be located at the Viking Gas website at [www.vgt.oneokpartners.com](http://www.vgt.oneokpartners.com) under Customer Activities.

4. Viking Gas states that placing these non-transportation agreements on its website will benefit shippers by providing the forms in a central location in an easy downloadable format. Viking Gas states it will update the Electronic Data Interchange Trading Partner Agreement to follow the format of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) standard 6.3.3. Viking states that it is posting its OBAs as they currently exist in the tariff. However, Viking intends to revise its *pro forma* OBAs to more closely follow the format of the NAESB standard 6.5.2.

5. Notice of Viking Gas' filing was issued on July 2, 2009, with comments, protests or interventions due as provided by section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2008). 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. Minnesota Interstate Pipeline Company, a subsidiary of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. (MIPC), filed a motion to intervene and protest.

6. MIPC opposes Viking Gas' proposal to remove its OBA from the tariff. MIPC argues that by doing so, Viking Gas would be able to modify the OBA unilaterally and without the Commission's review. MIPC argues that Viking Gas should post OBAs on its website, while also keeping them in the tariff.

7. The Commission accepts Viking Gas' revised tariff sheets to be effective August 1, 2009. MIPC argues that Viking Gas should maintain its *pro forma* OBAs in its tariff. However, in Order No. 587-G, the Commission explained that although OBAs are jurisdictional, the Commission has not required pipelines to file OBAs with the Commission.<sup>2</sup> Instead, pipelines must "make them available, along with all relevant records of volumes and amounts paid under OBAs, to the Commission and any person

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<sup>2</sup> *Standards For Business Practices Of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, Order No. 587-G, 63 Fed. Reg. 20,072 (1998), FERC Stats. & Regs., Regulations Preambles July 1996 – December 2000 ¶ 31,062, at 30,676 (1998), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 587-I, 63 Fed. Reg. 53,565 (1998), FERC Stats. & Regs., Regulations Preambles July 1996 – December 2000 ¶ 31,067 (1998).

requesting copies.”<sup>3</sup> Therefore, the Commission will accept Viking Gas’ proposal to post its *pro forma* OBAs on its website.

8. The Commission also accepts Viking Gas’ proposal to post on its website these forms: Master Electronic Transactions Agreement, Electronic Communications Agreement, Electronic Data Interchange Trading Partner Agreement, and Agency Authorization Agreement. However, the Commission notes that if Viking Gas wants to change any of these agreements, it must file the revised agreement with the Commission for review. In addition, the Commission finds that, in order for parties to easily locate these agreements, the Viking Gas tariff must state that these agreements can be located on the website. Viking Gas’ proposed tariff language states that the OBA, Master Electronic Transactions Agreement and the Electronic Data Interchange Trading Partner Agreement are available on the website, but fails to indicate that the Electronic Communications Agreement and the Agency Authorization Agreement are available on the website. Therefore, the Commission’s acceptance is subject to Viking Gas submitting revised tariff sheets expressly stating that the Electronic Communications Agreement and the Agency Authorization Agreement are to be found on the Viking Gas website, within 20 days of the issuance of this order.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,  
Deputy Secretary.

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<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

APPENDIX

Viking Gas Transmission Company  
Effective August 1, 2009, Subject to Conditions  
*FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1*

Seventh Revised Sheet No. 0	Second Revised Sheet No. 97B
Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 1	Third Revised Sheet No. 98
Eighth Revised Sheet No. 8	Third Revised Sheet No. 99
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 9	Fourth Revised Sheet No. 100
Third Revised Sheet No. 9A	Fifth Revised Sheet No. 101
Third Revised Sheet No. 9B	Fifth Revised Sheet No. 102
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 31	Third Revised Sheet No. 103
Fourteenth Revised Sheet No. 40	Sixth Revised Sheet No. 104
Second Revised Sheet No. 68.01	Fifth Revised Sheet No. 105
Second Revised Sheet No. 87H.01	Third Revised Sheet No. 106
Tenth Revised Sheet No. 88	Third Revised Sheet No. 106A
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 89	Original Sheet No. 106B
Tenth Revised Sheet No. 90	Third Revised Sheet No. 119
Tenth Revised Sheet No. 91	Fourth Revised Sheet No. 132G
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 92	Eighth Revised Sheet No. 136
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 93	Fifth Revised Sheet No. 137
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 94	Third Revised Sheet No. 138
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 95	Fourth Revised Sheet No. 139
Tenth Revised Sheet No. 96	Fifth Revised Sheet No. 140
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 97	First Revised Sheet No. 140A
Ninth Revised Sheet No. 97A	Tenth Revised Sheet No. 141