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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

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In Reply Refer To:  
Discovery Gas Transmission LLC  
Docket No. RP09-673-000

Discovery Gas Transmission LLC  
2800 Post Oak Blvd-Level 7  
Houston, Texas 77056

Attention: Roslyn Bryant  
Regulatory Affairs Analyst

Reference: Order No. 587-T Compliance Filing

Dear Ms. Bryant:

1. On June 1, 2009, Discovery Gas Transmission LLC (Discovery) filed Tenth Revised Sheet No. 196 to its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, to comply with Order No. 587-T.<sup>1</sup> As discussed below, the referenced tariff sheet generally complies with Order No. 587-T and is accepted effective August 1, 2009, conditioned upon Discovery filing a revised tariff sheet, within 15 days of the date of this order.

2. In Order No. 587-T, the Commission incorporated by reference into its regulations Version 1.8 of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) Wholesale Gas Quadrant's standards. The Version 1.8 standards incorporate several standards already adopted by the Commission in Order Nos. 698<sup>2</sup> and 587-S,<sup>3</sup> including gas-electric

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<sup>1</sup> *Standards for Business Practices for Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, Order No. 587-T, 74 FR 9162 (March 3, 2009), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,289 (2009).

<sup>2</sup> *Standards for Business Practices for Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, Order No. 698, 72 FR 38757 (July 16, 2007), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,251 (2007); *order granting clarification and denying reh'g*, Order No. 698-A, 121 FERC ¶ 61,264 (2007).

<sup>3</sup> *Standards for Business Practices for Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, Order No. 587-S, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,179 (2005). Pursuant to the June 14, 2005 errata notice in Docket No. RM96-1-026, the title of the May 9, 2005 Final Rule was changed from Order No. 654 to Order No. 587-S.

coordination standards, gas quality reporting standards, and business practice standards to support implementation of Order No. 2004 on Standards of Conduct.<sup>4</sup> In addition to modifying prior versions of the standards, the Version 1.8 standards changed the Electronic Delivery Mechanism Related Standards to be the Quadrant Electronic Delivery Mechanism Related Standards. The Version 1.8 standards also add a new set of standards, the Internet Electronic Transport Related Standards.

3. Public notice of the filing was issued on June 3, 2009. Interventions and protests were due on June 15, 2009, as provided in 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 motion 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 the proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties. No protests or adverse comments were filed.

4. Discovery proposes to adopt new NAESB Standard 4.3.93 which requires a pipeline to post gas quality information on its web site. Discovery also proposes to adopt the following new standards relating to the Internet Electronic Transport: 10.1 through 10.1.3, 10.1.5 through 10.1.7, 10.2.8, 10.2.37, 10.2.38, 10.3.1, 10.3.3, 10.3.4, 10.3.6, 10.3.9 through 10.3.11, 10.3.14, 10.3.16, 10.3.19, 10.3.20, 10.3.23 and 10.3.24. Discovery states that these standards are incorporated in Discovery's new section 25.7.

5. The Commission determines that Discovery's incorporation of the above standards complies with our directives in Order No. 587-T requiring interstate pipelines to adopt the most recent standards of NAESB.

6. In addition to its adoption of a new section 25.7, Discovery proposes to add a new section 25.8, entitled "Various Standards Not Adopted by Transporter" which lists those standards that are not being adopted by Discovery.<sup>5</sup> Discovery states that the

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<sup>4</sup> *Standards for Business Practices for Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 73 FR 55460 (Sep. 25, 2008), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 32,636 (2008).

<sup>5</sup> Those standards include: 1.1.7, 1.1.10, 1.1.11, 1.1.13, 1.1.20, 1.1.21, 1.3.17, 1.3.18, 1.3.47 through 1.3.50, 1.3.52 through 1.3.74, 1.3.76, 1.3.77, 1.3.79, 1.4.1 through 1.4.7, 2.3.32 through 2.3.35, 2.3.40 through 2.3.44, 2.3.46, 2.3.51 through 2.3.53, 2.3.65, 2.4.1 through 2.4.18, 3.3.23, 3.3.24, 3.4.1 through 3.4.4, 4.1.6, 4.1.7, 4.1.22 through 4.1.24, 4.1.26 through 4.1.28, 4.1.31 through 4.1.39, 4.2.10 through 4.2.13, 4.2.16 through 4.2.20, 4.3.39, 4.3.42 through 4.3.62, 4.3.65 through 4.3.69, 4.3.72 through 4.3.76, 4.3.78 through 4.3.87, 5.1.1, 5.1.4, 5.3.10 through 5.3.12, 5.3.30 through 5.3.34, 5.3.41 through 5.3.43, 5.3.48, 5.4.1 through 5.4.23, 10.1.4, 10.1.8, 10.1.9, 10.2.1 through 10.2.7, 10.2.9 through 10.2.36, 10.3.2, 10.3.7, 10.3.8, 10.3.12, 10.3.13, 10.3.15, 10.3.17, 10.3.18, 10.3.21, 10.3.22 and 10.3.25.

Commission has consistently granted Discovery extensions of time to comply with certain Interactive/Internet web site related standards, title transfer tracking related standards, and the capacity release data sets from previous NAESB versions adopted.<sup>6</sup> In light of these historical extensions of time being granted Discovery, Discovery is now requesting a permanent waiver from these standards in the instant filing.

7. The Commission has consistently granted Discovery an extension of time to comply with Interactive/Internet web site related standards, title transfer tracking related standards, and capacity release data sets until such time as a shipper requests implementation of the standards. The extensions were based on the limited nature of Discovery's pipeline operations. Since there is no evidence that Discovery's circumstances have changed, the Commission will not grant Discovery a permanent waiver of the Interactive/Internet web site related standards, title transfer tracking related standards, and capacity release data sets. However, the Commission will grant Discovery an extension to implement such standards under the same terms and conditions as we have previously granted. Accordingly, Discovery must file to implement the Interactive/Internet web site standards and capacity release data sets within 180 days from the date any person first requests such data and the title transfer tracking standards within 90 days of any such request.

8. Discovery's tariff sheet is accepted, effective August 1, 2009, subject to Discovery filing a revised tariff sheet, within 15 days of the date of this order, to remove section 25.8 "Standards Not Adopted By Transporter" from its tariff or to add clarifying language that states that the foregoing standards are subject to the extension of time to implement Interactive/Internet web site related standards and capacity release data sets related standards until 180 days following a request that it provide such communication and extension of time to implement the title transfer tracking standards until 90 days following a request that it provide such service.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,  
Deputy Secretary.

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<sup>6</sup> *Discovery Gas Transmission LLC*, 113 FERC ¶ 61,141 (2005); *Discovery Gas Transmission LLC*, Docket No. RP03-348-000 (June 30, 2003) (unpublished letter order); and *order on reh'g and compliance, Discovery Gas Transmission LLC*, 103 FERC ¶ 61,173 (2003).