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In Reply Refer To:
Rendezvous Pipeline
Company, L.L.C.
Docket No. RP09-754-000

Rendezvous Pipeline Company, L.L.C.
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Attention: Perry H. Richards
Vice President

Reference: Order No. 587-T Compliance Filing

Dear Mr. Richards:

1. On June 5, 2009, Rendezvous Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Rendezvous) filed revised tariff sheets¹ to comply with Order No. 587-T.² In Order No. 587-T, the Commission incorporated by reference into its regulations the most recent version (Version 1.8) of the standards adopted by the Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ) of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB). The Version 1.8 standards include several standards already adopted by the Commission in Order Nos. 698³ and

¹ First Revised Sheet Nos. 24, 28, 33, 37, 40, 42, 47, and 48 to Rendezvous' FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1.

² *Standards for Business Practices for Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, Order No. 587-T, 74 FR 9162 (March 3, 2009), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,289 (Feb. 24, 2009).

³ *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).

587-S,⁴ including gas-electric coordination standards, gas quality reporting standards, and business practice standards to support the implementation of the Order No. 2004 Standards of Conduct.⁵ Version 1.8 also includes new standards, such as the Internet Electronic Transport Related Standards. Rendezvous' tariff sheets comply with Order No. 587-T and are accepted to be effective August 1, 2009.

2. Rendezvous asserts that certain of the Version 1.8 standards do not apply to Rendezvous because the Commission granted Rendezvous waiver of these standards in the past.⁶ Rendezvous explains that on July 27, 2005, the Commission granted waiver of

⁴ *Standards for Business Practices for Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, 111 FERC ¶ 61,203 (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.

⁵ *Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers*, Order No. 2004, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,155 (2003), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 2004-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,161, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 2004-B, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,166, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 2004-C, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,172 (2004), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 2004-D, 110 FERC ¶ 61,320 (2005), *vacated and remanded as it applies to natural gas pipelines sub nom. National Fuel Gas Supply Corp. v. FERC*, 468 F.3d 831 (D.C. Cir. 2006); *see Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers*, Order No. 690, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,237, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 690-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,243 (2007); *see also Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 32,611 (2007); Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 73 Fed. Reg. 16228 (Mar. 27, 2008), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 32,630 (2008).

⁶ Rendezvous states that the following Version 1.8 standards do not apply to Rendezvous:

0.1.2, 0.3.1, 0.3.2, 0.3.14, 0.4.1, 1.1.7, 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.5,
 1.3.2(v), 1.3.23, 1.3.24, 1.3.25, 1.3.27, 1.3.36, 1.3.37, 1.3.44,
 1.3.45, 1.3.47 through 1.3.50, 1.3.52 through 1.3.63, 1.3.70,
 1.3.79, 1.4.1 through 1.4.7, 2.1.6, 2.3.1, 2.3.25, 2.3.32
 through 2.3.35, 2.3.40 through 2.3.44, 2.3.51, 2.3.52, 2.3.53,
 2.3.65, 2.4.1 through 2.4.18, 3.3.1, 3.3.5, 3.3.22, 2.3.23,
 3.3.24, 3.4.1 through 3.4.4, 4.1.2 through 4.1.4, 4.1.6, 4.1.7,
 4.1.10, 4.1.12, 4.1.13, 4.1.15 through 4.1.24, 4.1.26 through
 4.1.40, 4.2.1 through 4.2.20, 4.3.1 through 4.3.3, 4.3.5, 4.3.16
 through 4.3.18, 4.3.20, 4.3.22 through 4.3.36, 4.3.38 through
 4.3.62, 4.3.65 through 4.3.69, 4.3.72 through 4.3.76, 4.3.78

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the standards requiring the implementation of an electronic delivery mechanism (EDM) and electronic data interchange (EDI).⁷ In addition, Rendezvous states that on November 1, 2006, the Commission granted Rendezvous a waiver exempting it from the NAESB gas quality reporting standards.⁸ In that filing, Rendezvous explained that requiring it to post and record daily gas quality information would be unduly burdensome because Rendezvous is a small pipeline with no employees. Rendezvous further explained that it has a single receipt point and a single delivery point (into Kern River Gas Transmission Company's (Kern River's) system). Rendezvous asserted that the daily gas quality readings for Kern River's Muddy Creek Station will be representative of the gas quality pipeline flows on Rendezvous, and that any parties interested in this information can find it on Kern River's website.

3. Notice of Rendezvous' filing was issued on June 8, 2009, with comments, protests or interventions due as provided by section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2009). Pursuant to Rule 214, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2009), 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 protests or adverse comments were filed.

4. The Commission accepts Rendezvous' revised tariff sheets to be effective August 1, 2009. Rendezvous asserts that because the Commission has granted Rendezvous waivers in the past for the EDI/EDM and gas quality reporting standards, those waivers continue to apply to Version 1.8. However, the Commission finds that continuation of these waivers is not automatic, and each time the Commission adopts new versions of standards such as these, pipelines must request waiver of the new standards.

5. Upon consideration of the circumstances, the Commission will grant Rendezvous waiver of the Version 1.8 standards requiring implementation of EDI/EDM until a customer requests that Rendezvous provide these services. Because Rendezvous is a small pipeline with only one receipt point, the Commission finds that potential customers will not be unfairly disadvantaged by granting waiver of the EDI/EDM standards.

through 4.3.87, 4.3.90 through 4.3.93, 5.1.1, 5.1.4, 5.2.2, 5.3.10, 5.3.11, 5.3.12, 5.3.30 through 5.3.43, 5.3.48, 5.4.1 through 5.4.23, 10.1.1 through 10.1.9, 10.2.1 through 10.2.38, 10.3.1, 10.3.3 through 10.3.25.

⁷ *Rendezvous Gas Services, L.L.C.*, 112 FERC ¶ 61,141, at P 49 (2005).

⁸ *Rendezvous Pipeline Co., L.L.C.*, Docket No. RP07-6-000 (November 1, 2006) (unpublished letter order).

6. The Commission will also grant Rendezvous waiver of the Version 1.8 gas quality reporting standards, until such time that a shipper receiving service on Rendezvous' pipeline requests that Rendezvous implement such standards, or the gas quality readings at Kern River's Muddy Creek Station are no longer representative of gas flows on Rendezvous' system, e.g., if Rendezvous expands its system or interconnects with another pipeline.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.