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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

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In Reply Refer To:
Portland General Electric Company
Docket No. RP09-698-000

Portland General Electric Company
121 SW Salmon Street
Portland, OR 97204

Attention: Donald J. Light
Assistant General Counsel

Reference: Order No. 587-T Compliance Filing

Dear Mr. Light:

1. On June 1, 2009, Portland General Electric Company (Portland General) 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 (WSG) 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 See Appendix.

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 (2009).

³ *Standards for Business Practices for Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, Order No. 698, 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. Portland General's tariff sheets comply with Order No. 587-T and are accepted to be effective August 1, 2009.

2. Portland General states that the Commission previously granted Portland General waiver of the standards requiring the implementation of electronic delivery mechanism (EDM) and electronic data interchange (EDI), until such time that a customer requests that Portland General implement an interactive website.⁶ Portland General notes that the Commission found that because Portland General is a small pipeline and it utilizes all of the capacity it owns, potential shippers will not be unfairly disadvantaged by granting Portland General's requested waiver.⁷ Portland General states that the conditions the Commission asserted in approving its previous waiver have not changed, and therefore, requests that the Commission grant a continuation of these waivers here.

3. Notice of Portland General's filing was issued on June 4, 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

⁴ *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.

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, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 32,630 (2008).

⁶ *See Portland General Electric Co.*, 105 FERC ¶ 61,023, at P 49 (2003).

⁷ *Id.*

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 Portland General's revised tariff sheets to be effective August 1, 2009. The Commission will also grant Portland General waiver of the Version 1.8 standards requiring implementation of EDI and EDM, until such time that a customer requests that Portland General implement these services. As Portland General explained above, it is a small pipeline that utilizes all of its own capacity. Under these circumstances, the Commission finds that potential customers will not be unfairly disadvantaged by granting waiver of the Version 1.8 EDI/EDM standards.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

APPENDIX

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Tariff Sheets Accepted Effective August 1, 2009

FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1:

Second Revised Sheet No. 27
Second Revised Sheet No. 29
Second Revised Sheet No. 42
Second Revised Sheet No. 73
Second Revised Sheet No. 94
Second Revised Sheet No. 95B
Second Revised Sheet No. 105
Third Revised Sheet No. 129