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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

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In Reply Refer To:
WestGas InterState, Inc.
Docket No. RP09-688-000

Xcel Energy Services Inc.
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Attention: Larry M. Cowger
Assistant General Counsel

Reference: Order No. 587-T Compliance Filing

Dear Mr. Cowger:

1. On June 1, 2009, WestGas InterState, Inc. (WestGas) filed a revised tariff sheet¹ 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 587-S,⁴ including gas-electric coordination

¹ Eighth Revised Sheet No. 92 to WestGas' FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1.

² *Standards for Business Practices of 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, 72 FR 38,757 (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).

⁴ *Standards for Business Practices for Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,179 (2005). Pursuant to the June 14, 2005 errata notice in Docket

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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. WestGas' tariff sheets comply with Order No. 587-T and are accepted to be effective August 1, 2009.

2. WestGas states that the Commission previously granted WestGas waiver of the electronic communications and internet transaction requirements of Order Nos. 587-B, 587-C, 587-G, 587-K, 587-M, 587-O, and 587-S.⁶ Consistent with these prior waivers, WestGas requests that the Commission grant waiver of certain Version 1.8 standards, including the standards requiring the implementation of electronic delivery mechanism (EDM) and electronic data interchange (EDI).⁷

3. Notice of WestGas' 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

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. 16,228 (Mar. 27, 2008), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 32,630 (2008).

⁶ *See WestGas InterState, Inc.*, Docket No. RP99-422-000 (July 29, 1999), 88 FERC ¶ 61,126 (1999); *Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline*, 95 FERC ¶ 61,127, at 61,403 (2001); *WestGas InterState, Inc.*, Docket No. RP02-428-000 (September 30, 2002) (unpublished letter order); *WestGas InterState, Inc.*, Docket No. RP05-478-000 (August 18, 2005) (unpublished letter order).

⁷ WestGas requests waiver of Version 1.8 standards 1.3.54, 1.3.60 through 1.3.63, 2.3.35, 2.3.65, 4.2.1, 4.2.11 through 4.2.13, 4.2.20, 4.3.1 through 4.3.25, 4.3.37, 4.3.63, 4.3.64, 4.3.70, 4.3.71, 10.1.1 through 10.1.9, 10.2.1 through 10.2.38, 10.3.1, 10.3.3 through 10.3.25, and partial waiver of standards 3.1.11, 3.1.13 and 3.1.14.

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 WestGas' revised tariff sheet to be effective August 1, 2009. Upon consideration of the circumstances, the Commission will grant WestGas waiver of the Version 1.8 standards requiring implementation of EDI/EDM until a customer requests that WestGas provide these services. Because WestGas is a small pipeline with only one receipt point and two delivery points, the Commission finds that potential customers will not be unfairly disadvantaged by granting waiver of the EDI/EDM standards and that doing so is consistent with the Commission's prior action granting WestGas waiver of EDI/EDM standards in earlier versions of the NAESB standards.⁸

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

⁸ See *WestGas InterState, Inc.*, Docket No. RP99-422-000 (July 29, 1999), 88 FERC ¶ 61,126 (1999); *Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline*, 95 FERC ¶ 61,127, at 61,403 (2001); *WestGas InterState, Inc.*, Docket No. RP02-428-000 (September 30, 2002) (unpublished letter order); *WestGas InterState, Inc.*, Docket No. RP05-478-000 (August 18, 2005) (unpublished letter order).