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In Reply Refer To:
Northern Natural Gas Company
Docket No. RP10-404-000

Northern Natural Gas Company
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Attention: Dari R. Dornan, Senior Counsel

Reference: Waiver Request

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On February 26, 2010, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed a petition for limited waiver of its General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) to allow it to resolve a prior period measurement inaccuracy with Northwestern Corporation (Northwestern). According to Northern, a measurement inaccuracy at the Marion Town Border Station during the months of November 2008 through June 2009 caused Northwestern to be billed for more gas usage than was actually delivered by Northern. Northern states that it has agreed with Northwestern to resolve the measurement error by providing a credit of 31,548 dekatherms at the average Monthly Index Price (MIP) that was applicable during each month. Northern states that the MIP is multiplied by the amount of volumes overstated during each month, which results in a credit of \$122,183.33 to Northwestern.

2. Section 2 of Northern's GT&C states in relevant part, "[m]easurement data corrections must be processed within six (6) months of the production month with a three (3) month rebuttal period" However, the months of November 2008 through June 2009 are beyond the 6-month correction period allowed in section 2 of Northern's GT&C. Therefore, Northern requests a limited waiver of its GT&C to allow it to complete the November 2008 through June 2009 volume adjustments for Northwestern.

3. Public notice of Northern's filing was issued on March 1, 2010. Interventions and protests were due as provided in 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 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. For good cause shown, the Commission grants Northern a limited waiver of the measurement data correction provisions set forth in section 2 of its GT&C, which requires measurement data corrections to be processed within six (6) months of the production month with a three (3) month rebuttal period. Granting Northern a limited waiver will allow it to adjust Northwestern's November 2008 through June 2009 volumes beyond the tariff-required 6-month correction period. Further, granting Northern a limited waiver will not adversely impact other shippers on Northern's system.

By direction of the Commission.

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Secretary.

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