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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

July 12, 2011

In Reply Refer To:  
Northern Natural Gas Company  
Docket No. RP11-1506-000

Northern Natural Gas Company  
1111 South 103rd Street  
Omaha, NE 68124

Attention: Dari R. Dornan, Senior Counsel

Reference: Waiver Request

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On November 9, 2010, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed a petition for limited waiver of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its tariff to resolve a prior period billing error with CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas (CenterPoint) that occurred in December 2009, beyond the 6-month prior period adjustment time limit allowed by Northern's FERC NGA Tariff.
2. Section 8 of Fourth Revised Sheet No. 216 of Northern's General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) states prior period adjustment time limits will be six months from the date of the initial transportation invoice. A billing error occurred in December 2009 resulting in Northern's overbilling CenterPoint by 4,683 Dth as a result of faulty measurement at the Fairbault Energy Park.
3. By this petition, Northern requests the Commission grant waiver of GT&C Section 8 to allow it to adjust CenterPoint's December 2009 invoice. The proposed waiver will result in adjustment of 4,683 Dth to CenterPoint. Northern states no party will be harmed by granting such waiver.
4. Public notice of Northern's Filing issued on November 10, 2010. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2011)). Pursuant to Rule 214, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2011), all timely filed motions to intervene and any unopposed 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 party filed a protest or adverse comments.

5. For good cause shown, we grant Northern a limited waiver of Section 8 of its GT&C to allow resolution of the billing error outside the 6 month time limit. Granting this waiver will allow Northern to resolve its prior period billing error that occurred in December 2009 as a result of measurement issues. Also, granting this limited waiver will not adversely impact other shippers on Northern's system.

By direction of the Commission

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

cc: All Parties