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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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In Reply Refer To:  
Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC  
Docket No. RP12-604-000

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC  
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Attention: James R. Downs, Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs

Reference: Letter Order on Annual Transportation Costs Rate Adjustment Filing  
and Waiver Request

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On April 13, 2012, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) filed revised tariff records to adjust its Transportation Cost Rate Adjustment (TCRA) to recover costs incurred for the transmission and compression of gas by others (Account No. 858 costs), in accordance with section 36 of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its tariff.<sup>1</sup> Columbia requests waiver of section 36.4(a)(1) of its GT&C, so that it may derive the TCRA rates using projected billing determinants for a 12-month period commencing on June 1, 2012 and include 14 months in the surcharge true-up calculation versus the normal calendar year. Columbia requests that the revised tariff records be made effective June 1, 2012. As discussed below, the Commission grants the requested waivers and accepts the proposed tariff records, effective June 1, 2012, as requested.

2. This filing represents Columbia's annual filing pursuant to GT&C section 36 to adjust its TCRA rates prospectively to recover estimated current Account No. 858 costs and to collect unrecovered amounts from the previous annual period. While the TCRA normally is filed on March 1 to become effective April 1 of each year, on February 27, 2012, the Commission granted Columbia's request to extend the filing date for the annual 2012 TCRA filing from March 1, 2012 to May 1, 2012, with the rates to

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix.

become effective June 1, 2012.<sup>2</sup> Columbia requested the extension in order to have more time to reach an agreement with its shippers concerning alternative methods of obtaining the gas receipts in northern Ohio needed to fill storage in that area, which would minimize the need to incur Account No. 858 costs for that purpose.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, the TCRA rates in the instant filing include a Current Operational TCRA rate to recover Columbia's projected Account No. 858 costs for the ten-month period commencing on June 1, 2012 and an Operational TCRA Surcharge to recover Columbia's unrecovered Account No. 858 costs incurred during the period January 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012.

3. Columbia requests waiver of section 36.4(a)(1) in order to derive rates based on projected billing determinants under the applicable rate schedules for a 12-month period commencing with June 1, 2012. Additionally, Columbia requests waiver of section 36.4(a)(1) in order to include experience during the 14 months from January 2011 through February 2012 in the surcharge true-up calculation, rather than the normal 12-month calendar year.<sup>4</sup>

4. Public notice of Columbia's filing was issued on April 17, 2012. Interventions and protests were due April 25, 2012, as provided by section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations.<sup>5</sup> Pursuant to Rule 214,<sup>6</sup> 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 protests or adverse comments were filed.

5. The Commission finds that Columbia has shown good cause for its waiver requests. The Commission previously granted Columbia's request to extend the filing deadline for the TCRA rates from March 1, 2012 to May 1, 2012, with a June 1, 2012 effective date. Therefore, the Commission finds Columbia's request to derive the TCRA rates based on projected billing determinants for a 12-month period commencing with June 1, 2012 is appropriate. In addition, the use of the longer 14-month period in the Operational TCRA surcharge is appropriate because the existing TCRA rates remained effective for a longer period of time than normal and the inclusion of the additional

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<sup>2</sup> *Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC*, 138 FERC ¶ 61,139 (2012).

<sup>3</sup> Columbia has proposed an alternative method in Docket No. RP12-605-000.

<sup>4</sup> This appears to be a request for waiver of section 36.4(a)(2).

<sup>5</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2011).

<sup>6</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2011).

two months benefits the customers by reducing the under-recovery amount used to derive the Operational TCRA surcharge. Therefore, the Commission grants Columbia's request for waiver of sections 36.4(a)(1) and 36.4(a)(2) of its GT&C and accepts the proposed revised tariff records effective June 1, 2012, as requested.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

Appendix

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC  
FERC NGA Gas Tariff  
Baseline Tariffs

*Tariff Records Effective June 1, 2012:*

[Currently Effective Rates, FTS Rates, 8.0.0](#)

[Currently Effective Rates, FTS-APX Rates, 8.0.0](#)

[Currently Effective Rates, NTS and NTS-S Rates, 8.0.0](#)

[Currently Effective Rates, ITS Rates, 8.0.0](#)

[Currently Effective Rates, GTS Rates, 8.0.0](#)

[Currently Effective Rates, OPT Rates, 8.0.0](#)

[Currently Effective Rates, TPS Rates, 8.0.0](#)

[Currently Effective Rates, SST Rates, 8.0.0](#)