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In Reply Refer To:
ETC Tiger Pipeline, LLC
Docket No. RP13-241-000

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Attention: Blair V. Lichtenwalter, Director
Rates and Regulatory Affairs

Reference: Fuel/LAUF Reimbursement Percentage Adjustment Filing

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On October 31, 2012, ETC Tiger Pipeline, LLC, (ETC Tiger) filed a revised tariff record¹ pursuant to section 36 of its General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) to reflect the proposed semi-annual adjustment to its reimbursement percentages for Fuel Gas, Lost and Unaccounted for Gas (LAUF), and any Booster Compression Fuel. ETC Tiger does not have any Booster Compression on its system, and therefore has not proposed any reimbursement percentages for Booster Compression Fuel in this filing. ETC Tiger is also requesting waiver of the provisions of section 36 of its Tariff to compute the Deferred Component used to derive the Reimbursement Percentage for Fuel Gas applicable to Base System shippers receiving gas quantities west of Louisiana State Highway 789, in order to avoid setting a negative reimbursement percentage. As discussed below, the Commission grants the limited waiver and accepts the tariff record effective December 1, 2012, as proposed.

2. Section 36 of the GT&C of ETC Tiger's Tariff requires it to use the six-month period from March 1, 2012 through August 31, 2012, as adjusted for changes reasonably anticipated to occur during the Recovery Period from December 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013, to calculate its upcoming reimbursement percentages. The overall fuel and LAUF

¹ ETC Tiger Pipeline, LLC, FERC NGA Gas Tariff, TIGER Tariff Database; [3., Fuel Reimbursement Percentages, 7.0.0.](#)

Reimbursement Percentages to be applicable during the Recovery Period are derived by adding a Current Component to recover projected fuel and LAUF costs during the next semi-annual period and a Deferred Component to true-up over and under recoveries during the past deferral period.

3. Pursuant to Section 36.1(b) of its GT&C, ETC Tiger has separately computed the Reimbursement Percentages for Fuel Gas applicable to quantities received at points located at and west of Louisiana State Highway 789 (West Receipts) and at points located east of Highway 789 (East Receipts). In accordance with Section 36.1(b) of its GT&C, ETC Tiger computes separate West and East Receipt Reimbursement Percentages for Fuel Gas applicable to Base System shippers and Phase 1 Expansion shippers. A single LAUF percentage is calculated for Base System shippers and Phase 1 Expansion shippers applicable to both East Receipts and West Receipts.

4. In its instant filing, ETC Tiger proposes the following reimbursement percentages: (1) a reimbursement percentage of 0.00 percent for fuel gas for West Receipts for Base shippers, reflecting a decrease of 0.13 percent from the currently effective 0.13 percent; (2) a reimbursement percentage of 0.31 percent for fuel gas for East Receipts for Base shippers, reflecting a decrease of 0.19 percent from the currently effective 0.50 percent; (3) a reimbursement percentage of 0.57 percent for fuel gas for West Receipts for Phase 1 Expansion shippers, reflecting a decrease of 0.23 percent from the currently effective 0.80 percent; (4) a reimbursement percentage of 0.38 percent for East Receipts for Phase 1 Expansion shippers, reflecting a decrease of 0.16 percent from the currently effective 0.54 percent; and (5) a LAUF percentage of 0.07 percent, which is an decrease of 0.10 percent from its currently effective 0.17 percent.

5. ETC Tiger requests certain waivers to implement its adjusted fuel reimbursement percentages. First, it requests all waivers as necessary to allow the semi-annual filing to become effective December 1, 2012. Additionally, ETC Tiger seeks a waiver of those parts of section 36 of its tariff to permit ETC Tiger to use a Deferred Component of (0.35 percent) and to charge an overall Reimbursement Percentage for Fuel Gas for West Receipts for Base shippers of 0.00 percent.

6. As stated previously, the proposed Reimbursement Percentage for Fuel Gas for West Receipts for Base shippers is 0.00 percent, reflecting a decrease of 0.13 percent from the currently effective rate of 0.13 percent. The proposed Fuel Gas Reimbursement Percentage consists of a Current Component of 0.35 percent and a Deferred Component of (0.35 percent). The Deferred Component as derived in accordance with the provisions of section 36.5 would be (1.35 percent). However, the use of Deferred Component that is less than (0.35 percent) would result in a Reimbursement Percentage for Fuel Gas for West Receipts for Base System shippers that is less than zero. Because section 36 of ETC Tiger's tariff does not address a situation in which ETC Tiger would be required to charge any of its shippers a negative Reimbursement Percentage for Fuel Gas, ETC Tiger is requesting a waiver of the requirement to use the negative deferred component of (0.35

percent) so that it may charge a 0.00 percent reimbursement percentage for Fuel Gas for West Receipts. ETC Tiger also states that any unamortized amount will be reflected in its next periodic rate adjustment filing.

7. Public notice of the filing was issued on November 1, 2012. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2012)). Pursuant to Rule 214 (18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2012)), all timely filed motions to intervene and any unopposed 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.

8. The Commission accepts ETC Tiger's proposed reimbursement percentages as just and reasonable, effective December 1, 2012, as requested. We also find good cause to grant the waiver requested by ETC Tiger and accept the revised tariff record to effectuate the adjusted fuel reimbursement percentages. The Commission has previously found that holding reimbursement rates at zero, rather than allowing the overall reimbursement rates to go negative, is reasonable so long as all of the over-recovered amount is eventually returned to the shippers.² ETC Tiger's Deferred Component true-up mechanism will carry this balance to the next semi-annual adjustment period, and thus ensure that neither ETC Tiger nor its shippers are disadvantaged.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

² See *Columbia Gulf Transmission Co.*, 132 FERC ¶ 61,134, at P 43 (2010).