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In Reply Refer To:
Venice Gathering System, L.L.C.
Docket No. RP13-301-000

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Reference: Petition for Extension of Temporary Exemptions from Tariff Provisions

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On November 19, 2012, Venice Gathering System, L.L.C. (Venice) filed a “Petition for Extension of Temporary Exemptions from Tariff Provisions” (Petition) seeking a temporary exemption, for a period of two months, from various parts of its FERC Gas Tariff (Tariff) and any commensurate exemptions from Commission orders or policies upon which such tariff provisions are formulated, in order to delay implementation of Version 2.0 of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ) Standards adopted in Order No. 587-V.¹ Venice also requests that the Commission expedite consideration of its Petition and grant the temporary exemptions effective from December 1, 2012 until February 1, 2013.

2. In its transmittal letter, Venice explains the circumstances leading to its request for the exemptions. Venice explains that the revised tariff records implementing NAESB WGQ Version 2.0 Standards were accepted on October 23, 2012 to be effective December 1, 2012.² Subsequently, key personnel responsible for implementation of the

¹ *Standards for Business Practices for Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, Order No. 587-V, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,332 (2012).

² See, unpublished letter order dated October 23, 2012 in Docket No. RP12-1064-000.

NAESB WGQ Version 2.0 Standards have unexpectedly departed the company. Due to the complexity of the changes required to comply with the newest version of the NAESB WGQ Standards, Venice will be unable to comply with these Standards by December 1, 2012, as required by Order 587-V.

3. In addition, Venice explains that during the interim period it will continue to comply with the NAESB WGQ Version 1.9 Standards. Finally, Venice asserts that, if the Commission grants its requested exemptions, its stakeholders will benefit from its continued operations, and no shipper or stakeholder should be harmed in any manner by the granting of these exemptions.

4. Public notice of Venice's filing was issued on November 21, 2012. Interventions and protests were due on November 26, 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 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 Venice's petition for temporary exemptions from compliance with NAESB WGQ Version 2.0 Standards as required by Order 587-V, to be effective December 1, 2012, and continue for a period of two months, as proposed. These exemptions will allow Venice to continue to provide service while it performs its system modifications to comply with NAESB WGQ Version 2.0 Standards.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.