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In Reply Refer To:  
Vector Pipeline, L.P.  
Docket No. RP13-310-000

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Reference: Petition for Extension of Temporary Exemptions from Tariff Provisions

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On November 26, 2012, Vector Pipeline, L.P. (Vector) filed a “Petition for Temporary Exemptions from Tariff Provisions” (Petition) seeking a temporary exemption, for a period of one month, 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.<sup>1</sup> Vector also requests that the Commission expedite consideration of its Petition and grant the temporary exemption effective from December 1, 2012 until January 1, 2013.

2. In its transmittal letter, Vector explains the circumstances leading to its request for the exemption. Vector explains that its revised tariff records implementing NAESB WGQ Version 2.0 Standards were accepted on October 16, 2012 to be effective December 1, 2012.<sup>2</sup> Subsequently, Vector has been working to make changes to its

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

<sup>2</sup> See unpublished letter order dated October 16, 2012 in Docket No. RP12-1071-000.

Informational Posting and Customer Activities websites required by the NAESB WGQ Version 2.0 Standards. Vector indicates that it will be unable to complete testing of the changes by December 1, 2012. Due to the complexity of the changes required to comply with the newest version of the NAESB WGQ Standards, Vector will be unable to comply with these Standards by December 1, 2012, as required by Order No. 587-V.

3. In addition, Vector explains that during the interim period it will continue to comply with the NAESB WGQ Version 1.9 Standards. Finally, Vector 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 Vector's filing was issued on November 27, 2012. Interventions and protests were due on November 29, 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 Vector's petition for temporary exemptions from compliance with NAESB WGQ Version 2.0 Standards as required by Order No. 587-V, to be effective December 1, 2012, and continue for a period of one month, as proposed. These exemptions will allow Vector 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.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.