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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

May 15, 2013

In Reply Refer To:  
Viking Gas Transmission Company  
Docket No. RP13-794-000

Viking Gas Transmission Company  
c/o ONEOK Partners GP, L.L.C.  
100 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tulsa, OK 74103

Attention: Ron M. Mucci  
Vice President, Rates and Regulatory Affairs

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On April 15, 2013, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking) filed a revised tariff record<sup>1</sup> to set forth an optional pooling service. In addition, Viking requests waiver of the Commission's notice period to allow the proposed tariff records to become effective January 1, 2013, or, in the alternative, Viking requests that the Commission grant waiver to allow it to forgo charging its customers for transportation from receipt points to the associated transfer points. The Commission accepts the tariff record reflecting Viking's pooling proposal effective April 15, 2013, and grants waiver, as discussed below.

2. Viking states that some of its shippers recently have begun nominating substantial quantities from Viking's Emerson receipt point at the northern end of its system to the Emerson transfer point, a virtual (nonphysical or paper) point. At the transfer point, the original shipper may transfer title to the gas to another shipper or aggregate it with gas from other sources. Viking asserts that its tariff could be interpreted to require Viking to charge once for transactions into the virtual point and again for transactions taking gas out of the virtual transfer points, contrary to Order No. 587-G.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Viking Gas Transmission Company, FERC NGA Gas Tariff, Viking - FERC Gas Tariff, [Part 8.0, General Terms and Conditions, 2.0.0](#); [Part 8.35, GT&C - Pooling, 0.0.0](#).

<sup>2</sup> *Standard for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines*, Order No. 587-G, 63 Fed. Reg. 20,072 (April 23, 1998), FERC Stats. and Regs., Regulations Preambles July 1996-December 2000 ¶ 31,062 (1998).

3. Viking proposes to add a new Section 35 – Pooling, to its General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of service. Under the new pooling service, each physical receipt point on Viking’s system may also be a virtual pooling point. Viking proposes to collect only one transportation rate and fuel charge for transportation service both to the pool and out of the pool, and it will collect that rate from the shipper that takes the gas from the pooling point. Viking does not propose a fee in addition to the transportation charge for its proposed pooling service.
4. Viking’s pooling proposal is consistent with Order No. 587-G. Accordingly, the Commission accepts the tariff record effective the date of filing: April 15, 2013.
5. Viking requests that the Commission grant waiver to allow it to forgo charging its customers for transportation from receipt points to the associated transfer points. To the extent that Viking’s tariff could have been so interpreted, contrary to Order No. 587-G, the Commission finds good cause to grant waiver of Viking’s tariff to permit Viking to forgo charging twice for that transportation service.
6. Public notice of the filing was issued on April 16, 2013. 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 motion 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 the proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties. No protests or adverse comments were filed.
7. This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713 (2012).

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.