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In Reply Refer To:
Northern Natural Gas Company
Docket No. RP14-157-000

Northern Natural Gas Company
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On November 7, 2013, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed a petition for a limited waiver of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its FERC Gas Tariff to allow Marabou Midstream Services, LP (Marabou Midstream) to resolve an imbalance by using the imbalance-to-storage mechanism outside of the timelines set forth in its tariff. As discussed below, the Commission grants Northern's request for limited waiver.
2. Section 32(F), Resolution of Imbalances, on Original Sheet No. 269 of Northern Natural's GT&C provides in part as follows:

Shippers will have until the 12th Business Day of the month to access Northern's website to elect which imbalance resolution mechanism(s) they will use and the volumes associated with each mechanism. Any volumes not designated to be resolved using either trading (for which final notification is due to Northern by the 17th business day), imbalance-to-storage or in-kind resolution will automatically be cashed out.

According to Northern, Marabou Midstream's September 2013 activity resulted in a monthly credit imbalance of 584 Dth. Northern states that Marabou Midstream personnel inadvertently failed to elect the imbalance-to-storage option on a timely basis due to an oversight that occurred during the transition to a new agent.

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3. Northern requests a waiver of the tariff deadline for making such an election to allow Marabou Midstream to resolve its September 2013 imbalance volume using the imbalance-to-storage option rather than an automatic cash-out. Northern states no party will be harmed by approval of the waiver.

4. Public notice of the filing was issued on November 12, 2013. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. 154.210 (2013)). Pursuant to Rule 214 (18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2013)), 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.

5. For good cause shown, the Commission grants Northern's request for limited waiver of the imbalance resolution provisions set forth in Section 32(F) of its GT&C. This will allow Marabou Midstream to resolve its September 2013 imbalance as intended, and no other shipper on Northern's system will be adversely affected.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.