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In Reply Refer To:
Tallgrass Interstate Gas
Transmission, LLC
Docket No. RP14-620-000

Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC
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Attention: Robert F. Harrington
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On March 13, 2014, Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC (Tallgrass) filed a Petition for a Limited Waiver of Tariff Provisions (Petition). Tallgrass seeks a limited and short-term waiver of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1 (Tariff) to allow it to render its February 2014 production month invoices to shippers after the ninth business day of the following calendar month.
2. Tallgrass states that section 9 of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its Tariff governs the billing provisions, including the obligation to render invoices to its shippers. Specifically, Tallgrass states that section 9.1 of the GT&C provides that “On or before the ninth business day after the end of the production month, Transporter shall render invoices for all charges applicable to the preceding month.” Therefore, continues Tallgrass, invoices rendered for the February 2014 production month should be sent to its shippers on or before March 13, 2014. Tallgrass adds that pursuant to section 9.3 of the GT&C, the due date for shipper payments is within 10 days of the invoice date.
3. Tallgrass explains that the delay is caused by unanticipated issues discovered March 12, 2014, relating to the implementation of its new computer system

(CONNECT).¹ For that reason, Tallgrass states that it will not be able to render the shipper invoices by March 13, 2014, which is the ninth business day after the end of the production month. Tallgrass emphasizes that it is working to resolve the issue as quickly as possible and that it does not anticipate that this situation will occur again.

4. Accordingly, Tallgrass requests a limited and short-term waiver of its Tariff and other authorizations deemed necessary to allow it to render its February production month shipper invoices shortly after March 13, 2014, probably within one to four business days. Tallgrass does not anticipate that shippers will be adversely impacted by approval of the waiver because the shipper due date is based on the date the invoices are rendered in accordance with section 9.1 of the GT&C. Therefore, explains Tallgrass, it will extend the deadline for payment of the invoices to 10 days after the actual date of the March invoices.

5. Public notice of the Tallgrass filing was issued March 18, 2014. 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 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 this proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties. The Petition is unopposed.

6. For good cause shown, the Commission grants the requested waiver of the applicable provisions of section 9.1 of the Tallgrass Tariff. Tallgrass is authorized to issue its monthly invoices as soon as possible after March 13, 2014. In accordance with section 9.3 of the Tallgrass Tariff, payment will be due within 10 days after Tallgrass actually renders its March 2014 invoices.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

¹ Tallgrass states that CONNECT is a gas management system that creates shipper invoices and also manages shipper contracting, nominations, scheduling, and allocation requirements.