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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Cheryl A. LaFleur, Acting Chairman;
Philip D. Moeller, John R. Norris,
and Tony Clark.

Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC

Docket No. CP12-495-000

ORDER VACATING CERTIFICATE IN PART

(Issued July 1, 2014)

1. On September 12, 2013, the Commission authorized Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC (Tallgrass) under sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)¹ to: (1) abandon certain mainline natural gas pipeline facilities by transfer to an affiliate, Tallgrass Pony Express Pipeline, LLC, for the purpose of converting the facilities into crude oil pipeline facilities; and (2) construct and operate certain replacement facilities needed to continue service to existing firm transportation customers (Pony Express Pipeline Conversion Project).²

2. On May 13, 2014, Tallgrass filed a request with the Commission to vacate, in part, the 2013 Order. Tallgrass states that subsequent to the issuance of the 2013 Order, certain firm transportation customers discontinued their contracts with Tallgrass. Due to the loss of these contracts, Tallgrass explains that certain facilities the Commission authorized it to construct and operate are no longer needed to serve its customers. Consequently, Tallgrass requests that the Commission vacate the authorization to construct and operate: (1) the SSC Interconnect Receipt Meter Station in Weld County, Colorado; (2) the modifications to the existing WIC Interconnect Delivery Meter Station in Converse County, Wyoming; and (3) the gas coolers on the two existing compressor units located at the Rockport Compressor Station in Logan County, Colorado. Tallgrass submitted information to the Commission confirming that these facilities are not needed to serve its customers.³

¹ 15 U.S.C. §§ 717f (b) and (c), respectively (2012).

² *Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC*, 144 FERC ¶ 61,197 (2013) (2013 Order).

³ See Tallgrass May 27, 2014, Response to Data Request.

3. Since Tallgrass no longer needs the listed facilities to serve its customers and does not intend to construct and operate those facilities, the Commission will grant Tallgrass's request to vacate the authorization to construct and operate those facilities.

The Commission orders:

The authorization issued to Tallgrass under section 7(c) of the NGA to construct and operate certain facilities associated with the Pony Express Pipeline Conversion Project is vacated, in part, as described above.

By the Commission.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.