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In Reply Refer To:
Equitrans, L.P.
Docket No. RP14-685-001

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Attention: Paul W. Diehl
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Dear Mr. Diehl:

1. On May 7, 2014, Equitrans, L.P., (Equitrans) filed revised tariff records¹ to comply with the Commission letter order issued on April 29, 2014, in the captioned docket.² In the April 29 Order, the Commission accepted and suspended tariff records related to Equitrans' proposal to implement a new Rate Schedule IWS (Interruptible Wheeling Service) to become effective the earlier of October 1, 2014, or a date established by a subsequent order of the Commission. We accept Equitrans' revised tariff records set forth in the Appendix to become effective upon motion by Equitrans to move the tariff records into effect.
2. The April 29 Order found that Equitrans had not shown that its proposed tariff records were just and reasonable. The order raised several concerns with Equitrans' filing and directed Equitrans to fully explain its proposed service and provide revised tariff records.
3. First, the Commission found that it was unable to determine the type and limits of service that Equitrans intended to provide under its proposal. The Commission stated that although Equitrans represented in its transmittal letter that service under Rate Schedule IWS would involve only displacement service and that a fuel charge

¹ See Appendix.

² *Equitrans, L.P.*, 147 FERC ¶ 61,074 (2014) (April 29 Order).

would not be assessed, the proposed tariff records appeared to permit Equitrans to provide the service via physical transportation of gas with a corresponding imposition of a fuel charge. Accordingly, the Commission directed Equitrans to explain its proposed service and informed Equitrans that if Equitrans desired to exempt Rate Schedule IWS transactions from fuel charges, it must either revise Rate Schedule IWS so that it only applied to transactions that do not use fuel or it must set forth in Rate Schedule IWS the specific transactions to be exempt from fuel charges. Moreover, the Commission also held that if Equitrans intended to use this rate schedule for transactions that may require more system assets than a displacement service and that utilize fuel, Equitrans would be required to justify why such service should be accomplished under the rate schedule it proposed.

4. The Commission also stated that it could not discern from Equitrans' filing whether Equitrans intended to impose the Pipeline Safety Cost (PSC) rate on Rate Schedule IWS service. The Commission stated that, if Equitrans intended to impose PSC costs on Rate Schedule IWS service, it must separately state in its tariff that rate component, any other component of the rate, and a statement describing the order in which each component of Rate Schedule IWS rate will be discounted.

5. In the instant compliance filing, Equitrans proposes to modify its original proposal to limit service under Rate Schedule IWS to displacement transactions that will not utilize fuel. Further, Equitrans proposes to modify its tariff to separately state the PSC rate as a component of the Rate Schedule IWS rate, and provide that any discount of the Rate Schedule IWS rate will be applied first to the base rate and then to the PSC rate. Equitrans states that these proposed changes should resolve concerns set forth in the April 29 Order.

6. In addition, Equitrans seeks waiver of sections 154.202(a)(1)(v-viii) and 154.204(e) of the Commission's regulations³ which require a pipeline to provide a projection of the effects on costs and revenues of the new service. Equitrans also requests that the Commission shorten the suspension period set forth in the April 29 Order and permit the instant tariff records to go into effect June 6, 2014.

7. Public notice of the filing was issued on May 12, 2014 allowing for protests to be filed as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2013)). No protests or adverse comments were filed.

8. Equitrans' modified proposal and revised tariff records satisfactorily comply with the Commission's April 29 Order. Equitrans clarifies that service under Rate Schedule IWS will be accommodated via displacement service and that fuel will not be used or charged under the proposed service. Further, Equitrans clarifies the manner in

³ 18 C.F.R. §§ 154.202(a)(1)(v-viii) and 154.204(e) (2013).

which it will apply PSC costs to its Rate Schedule IWS rate. Accordingly, we accept the revised tariff records to be effective prospectively upon motion by Equitrans filed pursuant to section 154.206(a) of the Commission's regulations.⁴ Further, for good cause shown, the Commission grants waiver of sections 154.202(a)(1)(v-viii) and 154.204(e) of the Commission's regulations.

By direction of the Commission.

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Deputy Secretary.

⁴ 18 C.F. R. § 154.206(a) (2013).

Appendix

Equitrans, L.P.
FERC NGA Gas Tariff
Equitrans Tariff

Tariff Records Accepted Effective as Set Forth in the Order

[Section 1, Table of Contents, 11.0.0](#)
[Section 4.4, Other Service Rates LPS & IWS, 3.0.0](#)
[Section 5.15, Rate Schedule IWS, 0.1.0](#)
[Section 6.8, Scheduling of Services, 9.0.0](#)
[Section 6.38, Pipeline Safety Cost \(PSC\) Rate, 2.0.0](#)
[Section 7.14, Rate Schedule IWS, 0.1.0](#)