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In Reply Refer To:
Centra Pipelines Minnesota Inc.
Docket No. RP14-1125-000

Centra Pipelines Minnesota Inc.
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Dear Mr. Karry and Ms. Webb:

1. On July 25, 2014, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(5) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ Centra Pipelines Minnesota Inc. (CPMI) filed in Docket No. RP14-1125-000 a Petition for Approval of Settlement (Settlement) in lieu of submitting a general rate change filing to revise CPMI's transportation rates. The Settlement is uncontested. As discussed below, the Commission approves the Settlement, with the rates thereunder to become effective November 1, 2014. The principal terms of the Settlement are summarized below.
2. Article I describes the process of developing the Settlement and sets for the Settlement Rate of \$3.251/Mcf per month for service on CPMI.
3. Article II provides that the term shall commence on the effective date and terminate on the earliest of the date on which new rates become effective pursuant to: (i) a superseding general rate change filing under section 4 of the Natural Gas Act; (ii) a superseding settlement agreement approved by the Commission; or (iii) a modification to CPMI's rate in a proceeding instituted pursuant to section 5 of the Natural Gas Act.

¹ 18 C.F.R. § 385.207(a)(5) (2014).

4. Article III describes the effective date of the Settlement as the date on which the Commission order approving the Settlement becomes final. Article III specifies that CPMI shall file a new eTariff section No. 4 that is substantively identical to the *pro forma* eTariff section No. 4 appended to the Settlement within seven business days of the Settlement's becoming effective. Article III also specifies that the new eTariff Section No. 4 shall have an effective date of November 1, 2014.
5. Article IV states that Commission approval of the Settlement shall constitute any and all waivers of the Commission's rules and regulations that may be necessary to effectuate the Settlement.
6. Article V contains reservations and conditions. It provides that the Settlement represents a resolution of all CPMI rate and tariff matters for the term of the Settlement. It also provides that, except as specifically provided for in the Settlement, no party shall be deemed to have waived any claim or right as to matters not addressed in the Settlement, and the parties shall have the same rights under the Natural Gas Act that they would have had absent approval of the Settlement.
7. Public notice of the Settlement was issued on July 28, 2014. Interventions and protests due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations.² Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2014), 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.
8. The Commission finds that the Settlement appears to be fair and reasonable and in the public interest, and accordingly the Commission approves the Settlement, with the rates thereunder effective November 1, 2014, pursuant to its terms. The Settlement, which was filed in lieu of a rate case, resolves system-wide rate issues consistent with the Commission's guidance for settlements outside the context of an existing proceeding.³ The Commission's approval of this Settlement does not constitute approval of, or precedent regarding, any principle or issue in this proceeding.

² 18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2014).

³ See, e.g., *Dominion Transmission Inc.*, 111 FERC ¶ 61,285 (2005).

9. Within seven business days of the issuance of this order, the Commission directs CPMI to file tariff records in eTariff format as required by Order No. 714⁴ in order to implement the *pro forma* tariff records proffered with the Settlement. This letter order terminates Docket No. RP14-1125-000.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

⁴ *Electronic Tariff Filings*, Order No. 714, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,276 (2008).