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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20426

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In Reply Refer To:
Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC
Docket No. RP15-1217-000

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Dear Ms. Devers:

1. On August 27, 2015, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (Algonquin) filed revised tariff records¹ proposing to modify certain *pro forma* service agreements to include additional descriptive terms when required to identify the contract path and quantity associated with that path. Algonquin also proposed a conforming change to section 1 of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its tariff to add a definition of “Base Flow Path Quantity.” Algonquin requests that the Commission accept the revised tariff records effective October 1, 2015. As discussed below, we accept the proposed revised tariff records effective October 1, 2015, as proposed.

2. Algonquin states that for certain of its service agreements, parties are not able to readily identify the contract path by reviewing the Maximum Daily Receipt Obligation (MDRO) as reflected on Exhibit A and the Maximum Daily Delivery Obligation (MDDO) as reflected on Exhibit B of such agreements. Algonquin thus proposes to revise Exhibit A of the *pro forma* service agreements for Rate Schedules AFT-1, AFT-E, AFT-1S, AFT-ES, and AFT-CL to add placeholders titled “Base Flow Path” and “Base Flow Path Quantity,” which will be filled in when required to identify the path and the quantity associated with the path (Base Flow Path Quantity) in a Customer’s service agreement. Algonquin is also proposing to add a placeholder for additional details regarding the contract path in the event the path cannot be readily identified. Algonquin

¹ See Appendix.

states that as modified, Exhibit A will be consistent with similar tariff provisions approved by the Commission.² Finally, Algonquin proposes revising section 1 of the General Terms and Conditions of its tariff to add a conforming definition for “Base Flow Path Quantity.”

3. Public notice of the filing was issued on August 31, 2015. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission’s regulations (18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2015)). Pursuant to Rule 214 (18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2015)), 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. On September 8, 2015, the New England Local Distribution Companies (New England LDCs)³ filed a motion to intervene and comment.

4. New England LDCs argue that Algonquin’s filing contains little explanation and, in particular, does not discuss the effect of the proposed modifications to the *pro forma* service agreements on existing shippers. New England LDCs urge the Commission to require Algonquin to confirm New England LDCs’ understanding that the proposed modifications to the *pro forma* service agreements are not intended to affect current service provided to existing shippers. New England LDCs state that if Algonquin provides this clarification, New England LDCs have no objections to Algonquin’s filing. Absent such clarification, they request further procedures to permit existing shippers to ascertain the effect of Algonquin’s filing on their service.

5. On September 14, 2015, Algonquin filed an answer to New England LDCs’ comments. In its answer Algonquin states that its proposal “will have no effect on service currently provided under existing service agreements.”⁴ Algonquin further states that the placeholders added to the respective *pro forma* tariff agreements will only be

² Algonquin Transmittal at 1 (citing *Texas Eastern Transmission, LP*, 146 FERC ¶ 61,181 (2014)).

³ The New England LDCs include: Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts; Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation; Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities; Middleborough Gas & Electric Department; NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource; Northern Utilities, Inc.; City of Norwich, Department of Public Utilities; The Southern Connecticut Gas Company; Yankee Gas Services Company d/b/a Eversource.

⁴ Algonquin Answer at 2.

used in future agreements or amendments, and even then only when necessary to clarify the contract path or paths.

6. We find the proposed revisions to be just and reasonable. As noted by Algonquin, the revisions, which will apply only to future agreements, appear to have no effect on existing service. Moreover, the proposed modifications will enhance transparency by ensuring that all of Algonquin's agreements readily identify the contract path and associated quantity when necessary. We thus accept Algonquin's revised tariff records listed in the appendix, to become effective October 1, 2015, as proposed.

By direction of the Commission

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

Appendix

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC
FERC NGA Gas Tariff
Algonquin Database 1

Tariff Records Accepted Effective October 1, 2015

[1., Definitions, 7.0.0](#)

[1.1, Exhibit A for AFT-1 Service Agreement, 2.0.0](#)

[2.1, Exhibit A for AFT-E Service Agreement, 2.0.0](#)

[3.1, Exhibit A for AFT-1S Service Agreement, 2.0.0](#)

[4.1, Exhibit A for AFT-ES Service Agreement, 2.0.0](#)

[7.1, Exhibit A for AFT-CL Service Agreement, 2.0.0](#)