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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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In Reply Refer To:
Rockies Express Pipeline LLC
Docket No. RP16-702-000

Rockies Express Pipeline LLC
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
370 Van Gordon St.
Lakewood, CO 80228

Attention: David Haag

Dear Mr. Haag:

1. On March 1, 2016, Rockies Express Pipeline LLC (REX) filed tariff records¹ to revise its Fuel, Loss and Unaccounted-for-Gas (FL&U) reimbursement percentages and Electric Power Charges. REX requests a limited waiver of its tariff so that it can charge zero FL&U Rates and Electric Power Charges, when the rate would otherwise be negative. REX requests that the revised tariff records be accepted effective April 1, 2016. As discussed below, REX's revised tariff records are accepted, effective April 1, 2016, and its request for waiver is granted.

2. Pursuant to sections 38 and 40 of REX's General Terms and Conditions (GT&C), REX must file annual adjustments to its FL&U percentages and Electric Power Charge to be effective April 1 of each year. Under REX's tariff, the FL&U percentage is computed on a zone basis and is comprised of two parts: (1) a Current FL&U Reimbursement

¹ Rockies Express Pipeline LLC; FERC NGA Gas Tariff; Tariffs: [CURRENTLY EFFECTIVE RATES, Currently Effective Rates - ITS/FTS/BHS FL&U, 10.0.0](#); [CURRENTLY EFFECTIVE RATES, Currently Effective Rates - ITS/FTS/BHS Power Cost Tracker, 3.0.0](#); [Incremental Fac. Rates, Cheyenne Booster Facilities, 8.0.0](#); and [Incremental Facil. Rates, Meeker Booster Facilities, 4.0.0](#).

Percentage to recover projected fuel use and loss for the for the 2016 forecast period; and (2) a Volumetric Amortization Percentage (F-VAP) to collect/return Under (Over) Recovered FL&U volumes for the year ending December 31, 2015. The Electric Power Charge is also computed on a zone basis and comprised of two parts: (1) a Current Power Charge to recover projected power costs for the 2016 forecast period; and (2) a Power Cost Variance Adjustment Charge (PCVAC) to collect/return any Under/(Over) recovered power costs incurred for the year ending December 31, 2015.

3. REX has determined that the Zone 2 to Zone 1 FL&U Rate Percentage and the Zone 1 to Zone 1 Electric Power Charge would be negative. REX requests a limited waiver of sections 38 and 40 of its GT&C in order to assess a zero percent FL&U Percentage and/or zero Electric Power Charge where the combined total of the Current FL&U Reimbursement Percentage and F-VAP and/or Current Power Charge and PCVAC is less than zero, which is the case with the aforementioned Zone 2 to Zone 1 FL&U Rate Percentage and the Zone 1 to Zone 1 Electric Power Charge.

4. REX seeks to implement the revised FL&U Rate Percentages and Electric Power Charges to be effective April 1, 2016. REX requests Commission action by March 26, 2016, to provide sufficient time for REX's shippers to adjust gas supply quantities under new FL&U Rate Percentages and Electric Power Charges for April business.

5. Public notice of the subject filing was issued on March 2, 2016. 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. No protests or adverse comments were filed.

6. The Commission grants REX's requested waiver of sections 38 and 40 of its GT&C to allow REX to assess a zero percent Zone 2 to Zone 1 FL&U Rate Percentage and Zone 1 to Zone 1 Electric Power Charge. The Commission has previously allowed

the use of a zero percent fuel rate when the revised fuel rates would otherwise be negative.² The requested waiver is unopposed. Accordingly, the Commission accepts the revised tariff records to become effective April 1, 2016.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

² See *High Island Offshore System, L.L.C.*, 151 FERC ¶ 61,085 (2015) and *ETC Tiger Pipeline, LLC*, 151 FERC ¶ 61,181 (2015).