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In Reply Refer To:
TransColorado Gas Transmission
Company LLC
Docket No. RP16-707-000

TransColorado Gas Transmission
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Director, Rates

Reference: Waiver of Fuel Gas Reimbursement Procedure

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On March 1, 2016, TransColorado Gas Transmission Company LLC (TransColorado) filed its annual Fuel Gas Reimbursement Percentage (FGRP) report for the time period ended December 31, 2015. TransColorado requests waiver of section 12.9(c) of its General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) necessary to accomplish a proposed netting as further described below. Waiver of section 12.9 (c) is granted as discussed below.
2. GT&C section 12.9(c) requires an annual report to be filed March 1 of each year to provide monthly information reconciling the fuel and lost and unaccounted-for quantities (FL&U) collected with the actual FL&U for the twelve months ending December 31 of the previous year. TransColorado separately states the FL&U rates for (1) the Phase I/No-Fuel FGRP routes, which have no fuel component, (2) the Phase II FGRP routes, and (3) the FGRP-N routes. Any under- or over-collections of fuel and L&U from prior periods are collected from or returned to shippers through the variance adjustment. While the Phase II and FGRP-N routes each have separately measured fuel, the L&U is measured as one volume for the entire pipeline, and is then allocated to the different routes based on throughput for the three routes.

3. TransColorado states that it is currently over-collected by approximately 122,000 Dth on the Phase I/No-Fuel route, and since this route burns no fuel, the only mechanism to return the over-collection is through L&U. TransColorado states that the L&U amounts have been relatively low in recent years, and because its Tariff does not allow for a negative total FGRP it will take several years to return these volumes to its shippers. Similarly, TransColorado reports over-collection on the FGRP-N route of approximately 32,500 Dth, and because flow volumes on this route have declined, TransColorado projects it will take several years to return these over-collected volumes. Conversely, Phase II does burn fuel and is currently under-collected in FL&U volumes by approximately the same amount as the combined over-collection of the other two routes. TransColorado states that netting the over- and under-collected volumes would leave TransColorado under-collected by 3,621 Dth. TransColorado requests waiver of section 12.9(c) so that it may net these amounts. TransColorado states that netting these amounts provides immediate benefit to TransColorado's shippers by returning the over-collected volumes from previous periods more quickly to shippers while also lowering the variance adjustment on the Phase II Route.

4. Public notice of the filing was issued on March 2, 2016. Interventions and protests were due on March 14, 2016, 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 motions to intervene and any unopposed motions 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 this proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties. No protests or adverse comments were filed.

5. The Commission finds good cause to grant TransColorado's unopposed request for waiver of section 12.9(c) of the General Terms and Conditions of TransColorado's FERC Gas Tariff. The waiver is limited to what is necessary to perform the described netting and balancing of the over- and under-collected volumes for the reporting year ending December 31, 2015.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.