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In Reply Refer To:
ETC Tiger Pipeline, LLC
Docket No. RP16-887-000

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ETC Tiger Pipeline, LLC
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Dear Mr. Lichtenwalter:

1. On April 29, 2016, ETC Tiger Pipeline, LLC (ETC Tiger) filed a revised tariff record¹ pursuant to section 36 of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its tariff to reflect a proposed semi-annual adjustment to its reimbursement percentages for fuel gas and its lost and unaccounted for gas (LAUF).² ETC Tiger also requests a limited waiver of section 36 of the GT&C of its tariff in order to avoid setting a negative reimbursement percentage. As discussed below, for good cause shown, the Commission grants the limited waiver and accepts the tariff record to be effective June 1, 2016, as proposed.

2. According to ETC Tiger, pursuant to its tariff, the overall fuel and LAUF reimbursement percentages to be applicable during the recovery period are derived by adding a current component to recover projected fuel and LAUF costs during the next semi-annual period and a deferred component to true-up over and under recoveries

¹ ETC Tiger Pipeline, LLC, FERC NGA Gas Tariff, TIGER Tariff Database, [3., Fuel Reimbursement Percentages, 15.0.0.](#)

² ETC Tiger states that it does not have any booster compression on its system, and therefore, it has not proposed any reimbursement percentages for booster compression fuel in this filing.

during the past collection period. ETC Tiger states that the proposed reimbursement percentages in the instant filing are based on actual data for the six-month collection period from September 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016 (current component), and adjusted for changes reasonably anticipated to occur during the recovery period from June 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016 (deferred component).³ ETC Tiger further states that pursuant to section 36.1(b) of its GT&C, it has separately computed five distinct reimbursement percentages:

- a. For Fuel Gas applicable to quantities received at points located at and west of Louisiana State Highway 789 (West Receipts) applicable to Base System shippers;
- b. For Fuel Gas at points located east of Highway 789 (East Receipts) applicable to Base System shippers;
- c. West Receipts applicable to Phase 1 Expansion shippers;
- d. East Receipts applicable to Phase 1 Expansion shippers; and
- e. A single LAUF percentage for all shippers at all points.

3. In the instant filing, ETC Tiger proposes the following reimbursement percentages:

Reimbursement Type	Previous	Proposed
West Receipts, Base System	0.00%	0.00%
East Receipts, Base System	0.40%	0.30%
West Receipts, Expansion	0.42%	0.23%
East Receipts, Expansion	0.47%	0.41%
LAUF	0.05%	0.00%

³ ETC Tiger states that section 36.2(b) defines the collection period as the six month period ended three months prior to the commencement of a new recovery period.

4. ETC Tiger seeks a limited waiver of section 36 of the GT&C of its tariff for West Receipts applicable to its Base System shippers so that it may set an overall reimbursement percentage of 0.00 percent. ETC Tiger states that if it were to strictly follow GT&C section 36, the result for West Receipts for Base System shippers would be a current component of 0.18 percent and a deferred component of negative 4.08 percent, resulting in a negative overall reimbursement percentage. Instead, ETC Tiger proposes to use a deferred component of negative 0.18 percent, so that the effective rate remains 0.00 percent. ETC Tiger states that any unamortized amounts will be reflected in its next periodic rate adjustment filing.

5. In addition, ETC seeks a waiver of section 36.5 of its GT&C to set its overall LAUF percentage to 0.00 percent. The proposed reimbursement percentage for LAUF consists of a current component of 0.03 percent and a deferred component of negative 0.05 percent. To avoid a negative reimbursement percentage, ETC proposes instead to use a deferred component of negative 0.03 percent. ETC Tiger asserts that granting the requested waiver is necessary because section 36 of the GT&C of its tariff does not address a situation in which ETC Tiger would be required to charge any of its shippers a negative reimbursement percentage for fuel gas. ETC Tiger also states that any unamortized amounts will be reflected in its next periodic rate adjustment filing.

6. Public notice of the filing was issued on May 2, 2016. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations.⁴ Pursuant to Rule 214,⁵ all timely filed motions to intervene and any unopposed motions to intervene out-of-time 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.

7. The Commission accepts ETC Tiger's proposed reimbursement percentages, effective June 1, 2016, as requested. We also find good cause to grant the requested waiver and accept the revised tariff record to effectuate the adjusted fuel reimbursement percentages. The Commission has previously found that holding reimbursement rates at zero, rather than allowing the overall reimbursement rates to become negative, is

⁴ 18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2015).

⁵ 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2015).

reasonable so long as all over-recovered amounts are eventually returned to the shippers.⁶ In order to ensure that neither ETC Tiger nor its shippers are disadvantaged, ETC Tiger's deferred component true-up mechanism, for West Receipts applicable to Base System shippers and for LAUF applicable to all shippers, shall carry any unamortized amounts in these balances to the next semi-annual adjustment period.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

⁶ See *ETC Tiger Pipeline, LLC*, 153 FERC ¶ 61,252 (2015) (Commission granted waiver for ETC Tiger to use a 0.00 percent rate for its Reimbursement Percentage for fuel gas for West Receipts for Base System shippers). See also *Columbia Gulf Transmission Co.*, 132 FERC ¶ 61,134, at P 43 (2010).