

157 FERC ¶ 61,076
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Norman C. Bay, Chairman;
Cheryl A. LaFleur, and Colette D. Honorable.

Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC

Docket No. RP16-329-002

ORDER GRANTING CLARIFICATION

(Issued October 31, 2016)

1. On June 30, 2016, the Commission issued an order accepting, subject to condition, a tariff record to include a maximum total heating value of not more than 1,110 Btu per standard cubic foot (scf) in Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC's (Transwestern) FERC Gas Tariff.¹ In the June 30 Order, the Commission found that Transwestern had adequately supported its proposal, subject to filing tariff records implementing revisions agreed to in comments following the April 5, 2016 technical conference in this proceeding.² As relevant here, these revisions include excluding delivery points in the West of Thoreau area of Transwestern's system from the 1,110 Btu/scf maximum heating value to address concerns raised by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) that the proposed limit was higher than the Btu of natural gas that PG&E could accept into its system.³

2. On August 1, 2016, PG&E filed a timely request for clarification or, in the alternative, rehearing of the June 30 Order. PG&E states that the revisions agreed to by Transwestern address its concerns by returning the heating values for delivery points on the western portion of Transwestern's system to the status quo,⁴ but requests that the

¹ *Transwestern Pipeline Co., LLC*, 155 FERC ¶ 61,321 (2016) (June 30 Order).

² Transwestern's compliance filing containing these revisions was accepted on August 26, 2016. *Transwestern Pipeline Co., LLC*, Docket No. RP16-329-001 (Aug. 26, 2016) (delegated letter order).

³ June 30 Order, 155 FERC ¶ 61,321 at PP 11-12.

⁴ Rehearing Request at 2-3.

Commission correct a reference in the June 30 Order suggesting that the maximum heating value on PG&E's system is 1150 Btu/scf.⁵

Commission Determination

3. We grant PG&E's request for clarification. PG&E asserted in its initial protest and post-technical conference comments in this proceeding that it is unable to accept deliveries of natural gas with a heating value over 1,080 Btu/scf.⁶ We thus clarify that the heating value limit for PG&E referenced in Paragraph 30 of the June 30 Order should be 1,080 Btu/scf instead of 1,150 Btu/scf. We note that this clarification is consistent with the determination in the June 30 Order and does not require additional tariff revisions, as delivery points in the West of Thoreau area are simply excluded from the maximum heating value in Transwestern's FERC Gas Tariff.⁷

4. Because we are granting PG&E's clarification request, its alternative request for rehearing is moot.

The Commission orders:

(A) PG&E's request for clarification is hereby granted, as discussed in the body of this order.

(B) PG&E's request for rehearing is hereby dismissed as moot, as discussed in the body of this order.

By the Commission.

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Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

⁵ *Id.* at 1 (citing June 30 Order, 155 FERC ¶ 61,321 at P 30).

⁶ *See* PG&E January 11, 2016 Motion to Intervene and Protest at 4; PG&E April 29, 2016 Initial Post-Technical Conference Comments at 2.

⁷ Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC, FERC NGA Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, GT&C Section 2, Quality, 3.1.0.