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In Reply Refer To:
Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line
Company, LP
Docket No. RP16-1282-000

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP
1300 Main Street
Houston, TX 77002

Attention: Lawrence J. Biediger
Senior Director, Rates and Regulatory Affairs

Re: Petition for Waiver and Fuel Reimbursement Adjustment

Mr. Biediger:

1. On September 30, 2016, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP (Panhandle) filed revised tariff records¹ to reflect changes to the Fuel Reimbursement Percentages pursuant to section 24 of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its tariff. Panhandle also sought waiver of section 24.4(a) of the GT&C to use data from October 2016 rather than June 2016 for calculating the surcharge. As discussed below, the Commission grants Panhandle's request for limited waiver of its tariff and accepts the revised tariff records listed in the Appendix to this letter, effective November 1, 2016.

2. Section 24 of the GT&C of Panhandle's tariff contains the filing and computation procedures for Panhandle's fuel reimbursement percentages. Specifically, section 24.1 of Panhandle's GT&C provides that the effective date of each fuel reimbursement adjustment shall be November 1 and April 1, and requires Panhandle to file the adjustment at least 30 days prior to the effective date. Section 24.2 of Panhandle's GT&C provides that the Effective Fuel Reimbursement Percentage shall be the sum of the Current Fuel Reimbursement Percentage and the Annual Fuel Reimbursement

¹ See Appendix.

Surcharge. Under section 24.3, the Current Fuel Reimbursement Percentage is determined on the basis of the estimated quantities of natural gas delivered to Panhandle for the account of shippers and the projected quantities of natural gas that will be required for fuel usage and for lost and unaccounted for gas. The Current Fuel Reimbursement Percentage is computed on a semi-annual basis. Section 24.4 of Panhandle's GT&C provides that the Annual Fuel Reimbursement Surcharge is computed by dividing Panhandle's Deferred Fuel Reimbursement Account (deferred account) balance four months prior to November 1 (i.e., as of June 30) by Panhandle's estimated quantities of natural gas for transportation and storage under its Rate Schedules for the twelve-month recovery period.

3. Panhandle proposes the following adjustments to its fuel reimbursement percentages:

- (1) An increase of 0.13 in the Gathering Fuel Reimbursement Percentage,
- (2) An increase of 0.14 in the Field Zone Fuel Reimbursement Percentage,
- (3) An increase of 0.06 in the Market Zone Fuel Reimbursement Percentage,
- (4) A decrease of 0.04 in both the Injection and the Withdrawal Field Area Storage Reimbursement Percentages and
- (5) A decrease of 0.02 in both the Injection and the Withdrawal Market Area Storage Reimbursement Percentages.

4. Section 24.4(a) of Panhandle's GT&C requires use of the Deferred Fuel Reimbursement Account balance as of June 30, 2016, for the fuel reimbursement percentages to be effective November 1, 2016. However, Panhandle proposes to utilize the estimated Deferred Reimbursement Account balance at October 31, 2016, therefore including four additional months. Panhandle states that utilizing the anticipated account balance of October 31 results in a lower surcharge than would be calculated under the tariff provision.

5. Public notice of the filing was issued on October 3, 2016. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2016)). Pursuant to Rule 214 (18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2016)), 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 adverse comments or protests were received.

6. Panhandle requests waiver of section 24.4(a) of its tariff's GT&C to allow Panhandle to utilize the estimated Deferred Reimbursement Account balance at October 31, 2016 – rather than at four months prior, as otherwise required by section 24.4(a) – in the calculation of the Deferred Reimbursement Account surcharge. According to Panhandle, calculating the balance at October 31, 2016 results in a lower surcharge than would otherwise have been obtained under the tariff provision.

7. The Commission finds good cause to grant limited waiver of section 24.4(a) of Panhandle's GT&C. Panhandle's request for waiver to allow use of more recent fuel usage estimates to calculate the fuel adjustment is unopposed, and will result in a lower surcharge and reduce the possibility of an over-recovery of fuel. Accordingly, the Commission grants the requested waiver, and accepts the tariff records listed in the Appendix, effective November 1, 2016.²

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

² The Commission granted a similar request in *Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP*, 153 FERC ¶ 61,102 (2015) (letter order).

APPENDIX

**Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP
FERC NGA Gas Tariff
Fourth Revised Volume No. 1**

Tariff records accepted effective November 1, 2016:

[Rate Schedule FT, Currently Effective Rates, 18.0.0](#)
[Rate Schedule EFT, Currently Effective Rates, 18.0.0](#)
[Rate Schedule SCT, Currently Effective Rates, 18.0.0](#)
[Rate Schedule LFT, Currently Effective Rates, 18.0.0](#)
[Rate Schedule HFT, Currently Effective Rates, 18.0.0](#)
[Rate Schedule IOS, Currently Effective Rates, 9.0.0](#)
[Rate Schedule WS, Currently Effective Rates, 9.0.0](#)
[Rate Schedule PS, Currently Effective Rates, 9.0.0](#)
[Rate Schedule FS, Currently Effective Rates, 9.0.0](#)
[Rate Schedule DVS, Currently Effective Rates, 9.0.0](#)
[Rate Schedule IT, Currently Effective Rates, 18.0.0](#)
[Rate Schedule EIT, Currently Effective Rates, 18.0.0](#)
[Rate Schedule IIOS, Currently Effective Rates, 9.0.0](#)
[Rate Schedule IWS, Currently Effective Rates, 9.0.0](#)