

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

October 25, 2005

In Reply Refer To:  
Dominion Transmission, Inc.  
Docket No. RP05-685-000

Dominion Transmission, Inc.  
120 Tredegar Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Attention: Machel F. Grim, Manager, Regulatory & Pricing

Reference: Annual Transportation Cost Adjustment Filing

Dear Ms. Grim:

1. On September 30, 2005, Dominion Transmission, Inc. (Dominion) filed revised tariff sheets<sup>1</sup> to update its effective Transportation Cost Rate Adjustment (TCRA) pursuant to section 15 of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1. The Commission accepts the filed tariff sheets, and suspends their effectiveness until November 1, 2005, subject to refund, and subject to the outcome of Commission action in Docket No. RP03-623, *et al.*

**Notice, Interventions and Protests**

2. Notice of the filing was issued on October 5, 2005. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2005)). Pursuant to Rule 214, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214, all timely motions to intervene and any 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.

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix.

### Details of the Instant Filing

3. Dominion states in the instant filing that it proposes to adjust its Current Account No. 858 base rates to collect its current transportation costs, in accordance with GT&C section 15.3, and to update its TCRA surcharge rates pursuant to GT&C sections 15.4 and 15.5. Dominion has summarized the effect of the proposed TCRA on each element of its rates in the following chart:

<u>Rate Component</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Difference</u>
FT/FTNN Reservation	\$4.4230	\$4.5226	(\$0.0996)
FT/FTNN Usage	\$0.0245	\$0.0233	\$0.0012
IT	\$0.1447	\$0.1453	(\$0.0006)
GSS Demand Rate	\$1.8825	\$1.8822	\$0.0003
GSS Injection Rate	\$0.0202	\$0.0200	\$0.0002
GSS Withdrawal Rate	\$0.0169	\$0.0166	\$0.0003

4. Dominion states that this chart compares the proposed rates to Dominion's rates that are presently in effect. The proposed rate column includes the effect of the instant TCRA filing, as well as Dominion's annual Electric Power and Cost Adjustment (EPCA) filing in Docket No. RP05-692-000.

5. Dominion also recounts that in last year's TCRA proceeding in Docket No. RP04-618-000,<sup>2</sup> Dominion stated that it would begin crediting the value of confiscated gas to the TCRA mechanism on a monthly rather than an annual basis with the 2005 filing. Dominion states that it has credited the value of the confiscated gas, including interest, to its customers, as shown on Workpaper 3, Page 1, Line 14.

6. Dominion also notes that in accordance with its agreement in Docket No. RP04-618-000, it is providing the valuation of Tennessee-related fuel for informational purposes only.

7. Finally, Dominion notes that on September 20, 2005, the Commission issued its *Order on Rehearing*<sup>3</sup> in Dominion's 2003 TCRA proceeding in Docket No. RP03-623, *et al.*, and that this order directed Dominion to file additional explanations and/or adjustments. Dominion states it has not included in the instant filing any of the adjustments that may ultimately be required as a result of the September 20 Order.

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<sup>2</sup> Dominion also cites its October 22, 2004 Motion for Leave to Respond and Response of Dominion Transmission, Inc. at 5.

<sup>3</sup> *Dominion Transmission, Inc.*, 112 FERC ¶ 61,321 (2005) (the September 20 Order).

**Discussion**

8. As Dominion itself has noted, Commission action that might impact the rates proposed in the instant filing is still pending in Docket No. RP03-623, *et al.* Accordingly, the Commission shall accept and suspend the effectiveness of the referenced tariff sheets for the minimum period, subject to refund, and subject to the outcome of Commission action in Docket No. RP03-623, *et al.*

**Suspension**

9. Based upon a review of this filing, the Commission finds that Dominion's proposal has not been shown to be just and reasonable, and may be unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory, or otherwise unlawful. Accordingly, the Commission accepts Dominion's proposal for filing and suspends its effectiveness for the period set forth below, subject to the conditions of this order.

10. The Commission's policy regarding suspensions is that filings generally should be suspended for the maximum period permitted by statute where preliminary study leads the Commission to believe that the filing may be unjust, unreasonable, or inconsistent with other statutory standards.<sup>4</sup> It is recognized, however, that shorter suspensions may be warranted in circumstances where suspension for the maximum period may lead to harsh and inequitable results.<sup>5</sup> Such circumstances do exist here when Dominion is making this filing pursuant to section 15 of its GT&C. Accordingly, the Commission shall accept and suspend the effectiveness of Dominion's proposal for the minimum period, subject to refund and to compliance with the conditions of this order, and subject to further Commission action.

The Commission accepts and suspends Dominion's proposal, to be effective November 1, 2005, subject to refund, and subject to the outcome of Commission action in Docket No. RP03-623, *et al.*

By direction of the Commission.

Magalie R. Salas,  
Secretary.

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<sup>4</sup> See *Great Lakes Gas Transmission Co.*, 12 FERC & 61,293 (1980) (five-month suspension).

<sup>5</sup> See *Valley Gas Transmission, Inc.*, 12 FERC & 61,197 (1980) (one-day suspension).

**APPENDIX**

Dominion Transmission, Inc.  
FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1

Accepted and Suspended,  
Effective November 1, 2005  
Subject to Conditions:

Twenty-Seventh Revised Sheet No. 31  
Third Revised Sheet No. 31A  
Thirtieth Revised Sheet No. 32  
Third Revised Sheet No. 32A  
Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 34  
Second Revised Sheet No. 34A  
Twenty-Third Revised Sheet No. 35  
Third Revised Sheet No. 35A  
Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 39  
Third Revised Sheet No. 39A