

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

December 21, 2005

In Reply Refer To:  
El Paso Natural Gas Company  
Docket No. RP05-422-005

El Paso Natural Gas Company  
Post Office Box 1087  
Colorado Springs, CO 80944

Attention: Catherine E. Palazzari, Vice President

Reference: Accepting Tariff Sheets Subject to Refund and Further Order

Dear Ms. Palazzari:

1. On November 29, 2005, El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) filed tariff sheets<sup>1</sup> reflecting revised interruptible transportation (IT) rates and the removal of cost-of-service trackers in compliance with Ordering Paragraph (C) of the Commission's July 29, 2005 Order (July 29 Order) in this proceeding.<sup>2</sup> El Paso requests an effective date of August 1, 2005. The Commission finds that the revised tariff sheets are in compliance with the July 29 Order, with the exception of El Paso's proposed effective date. Consistent with Ordering Paragraph (A) of the July 29 Order, the tariff sheets listed in the Appendix are accepted, effective January 1, 2006, subject to refund and subject to further order.

2. Consistent with the July 29 Order, the revised tariff sheets reflect the following changes. The proposed IT rates have been revised to reflect a 100% load factor derivation. The revised IT rates have also resulted in a change in rates for Park and Loan service and Overrun service, which are both derived from the IT rates. In addition, the revised tariff sheets reflect the deletion of a tariff provision permitting El Paso to submit its fuel tracker filings more frequently than on an annual basis. The revised tariff sheets reflect the deletion of cost-of-service

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix.

<sup>2</sup> 112 FERC ¶ 61,150 (2005).

trackers related to maintenance expenditures and right-of-way renewal expenses.<sup>3</sup> Finally, while El Paso proposes an effective date of August 1, 2005, on its proposed tariff sheets, El Paso states on Page 3 of its transmittal that it anticipates the Commission suspending the effectiveness of the proposed tariff sheets until January 1, 2006, as it did with the counterpart tariff sheets addressed in the July 29 Order. The effective date is prescribed by the Commission's July 29 Order. Accordingly, as stated, the tariff sheets are accepted, effective January 1, 2006, subject to refund and subject to further order.

3. The filing was noticed on December 2, 2005, with comments due on or before December 12, 2005. No protests or adverse comments were filed. Notices of interventions and unopposed timely filed motions to intervene are granted pursuant to the operation of Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. § 385.214).

By direction of the Commission.

Magalie R. Salas,  
Secretary.

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<sup>3</sup> El Paso is not at this time proposing to implement any tariff provisions related to new services that were originally accepted and suspended in the July 29 Order. Instead, the Commission has accepted El Paso's uncontested Offer of Partial Settlement to defer, until April 1, 2006, the implementation of these new services (Unpublished Director letter order issued on December 12, 2005, in this proceeding).

**Second Revised Volume No. 1A  
Tariff Sheets Accepted  
Effective January 1, 2006**

Sub Thirty-First Revised Sheet No. 20  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sub Second Revised Sheet No. 27A  
Substitute Original Sheet No. 28D  
Substitute Original Sheet No. 28E  
Substitute Original Sheet No. 28F  
Substitute Original Sheet No. 200A  
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 320  
Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 321  
Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 372  
Substitute Original Sheet No. 374  
Sheet No. 375  
Sheet No. 376  
Substitute Original Sheet No. 378  
Sheet No. 379  
Sheet No. 380