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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman;
Sudeen G. Kelly, Marc Spitzer,
Philip D. Moeller, and Jon Wellinghoff.

Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation

Docket No. RP07-328-000

ORDER ON CLARIFICATION

(Issued May 28, 2008)

1. On April 8, 2008, Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation (Transco) filed a request for clarification of a Director Letter order issued on March 20, 2008, in the captioned docket.¹ The March 20 order accepted a filing made by Transco to comply with a Commission order issued on March 29, 2007.² As discussed below, the Commission grants the requested clarification.

Background

2. On March 1, 2007, Transco filed revised tariff sheets to reflect the re-determination of its fuel retention percentages. On March 29, 2007, the Commission noted that Transco included in its filing certain claimed gas losses associated with its Eminence storage field and/or its Eminence Emergency Storage Service that the Commission found to be inadequately supported. The Commission stated that parties to the proceeding had raised issues related to Transco's inclusion of these losses such as whether these losses should be allocated to all shippers and whether this was a one time loss or a loss which Transco expected to reoccur. Therefore, the Commission accepted and suspended Transco proposed tariff sheets subject to conditions, to be effective April 1, 2007. The Commission directed Transco to respond to the issues raised by the parties regarding the inclusion of the Eminence storage losses within thirty days and stated that the Commission would then determine whether Transco's adjustment to include such losses was appropriate.

¹ Director Letter order issued March 20, 2008 in Docket No. RP07-328-000.

² Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corp., 118 FERC ¶ 61,260 (2007).

3. On April 30, 2007, Transco filed additional information concerning the Eminence storage losses and filed supplemental information on November 7, 2007. The Director Letter order issued on March 20, 2008, found that Transco satisfactorily responded to the issues raised by the protestors concerning the Eminence storage losses and accepted Transco's responses for filing.

4. In its request for clarification, Transco notes that the March 20 order found that "Transco has satisfactorily responded to the issues" and states that this can be understood as also constituting the Commission's determination that the inclusion of the "Eminence Storage Loss" in the March 1, 2007 filing is appropriate. However, Transco requests that the Commission clarify the March 20 Letter Order to state that the Commission has determined that the inclusion of the "Eminence Storage Loss" amounts in the March 1, 2007 filing is appropriate. Transco states that such clarification will also facilitate Transco's implementation of the revenue sharing provisions relating to the "excess" top gas inventory at the Eminence Storage Facility, as set forth in Subsection 2 of Section A of Article V of the Stipulation and Agreement in Docket Nos. RP06-569-000, et al., which was approved by the Commission on March 7, 2008.³ No party opposed Transco's requested clarification.

5. In its March 29, 2007 Order, the Commission accepted and suspended Transco's proposed tariff sheets subject to conditions, to be effective April 1, 2007. The March 20, 2008 Letter Order determined that by subsequent filings Transco had provided the necessary information and had satisfied the conditions set forth by the March 29, 2007 Order. Therefore, the Commission grants Transco's requested clarification and again finds that it is appropriate for Transco to include the Eminence Storage Loss amounts in its March 1, 2007 filing.

³ Transco Clarification Request at p.3 fn.1, *citing*, *Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corp.*, 122 FERC ¶ 61,213 (2008).

The Commission orders:

Transco's April 8, 2008 request for clarification is granted as discussed in the body of this order.

By the Commission.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.