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In Reply Refer To:
Northern Natural Gas Company
Docket No. RP09-776-000

Northern Natural Gas Company
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Attention: Dari R. Dornan, Senior Counsel

Reference: Waiver Request

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On June 23, 2009, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed a petition for limited waiver of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its tariff to resolve a prior period billing inaccuracy with Cimarron River Pipeline, LLC (Cimarron). According to Northern, a measurement error dating back to November 2008 caused Cimarron to be billed for more gas usage than was actually provided by Northern. Section 8 of Northern's GT&C provides, "Prior period adjustment time limits will be 6 months from the date of the initial transportation invoice." However, Northern states that by the time it discovered the billing error, the allowed 6-month correction period had passed.

2. Northern states that the incorrect invoice resulted in an over-billing of Cimarron by 28,113 Dth, which translates to a credit to Cimarron of \$1,124.52. Accordingly, Northern requests a limited waiver of its GT&C so that it can make the respective adjustments to Cimarron's invoice.

3. Public notice of Northern's filing was issued on June 25, 2008. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2009)). Pursuant to Rule 214, 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2009), all timely filed 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 party filed a protest or adverse comments.

4. For good cause shown, we grant Northern a limited waiver of the measurement data correction provisions set forth in section 8 of its GT&C. Granting this waiver will allow Northern to complete its prior period invoice adjustment with Cimarron and to credit Cimarron the imbalance volume amount for November 2008 activity. Granting this limited waiver will not adversely impact other shippers on Northern's system.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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