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In Reply Refer To:
Carolina Gas Transmission Corporation
Docket No. RP10-635-000

Carolina Gas Transmission Corporation
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Attention: George Fasano, Jr., Senior Vice President

Reference: Request for Waiver of NAESB Index-Based Capacity Release
Standards

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On April 23, 2010, Carolina Gas Transmission Corporation (CGT) filed a request for a waiver of the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) Version 1.9 index-based capacity release standards. CGT states that it has had no shipper requests and does not anticipate future requests for index-based pricing for capacity release on its system and that implementing the NAESB standards associated with index-based releases will result in a substantial burden for CGT.

2. CGT states that it is an interstate natural gas pipeline that receives gas at Elba Island, Georgia and from Southern Natural Gas Company and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC. CGT transports gas to local distribution companies and end user delivery points, located in South Carolina. CGT does not deliver into market centers or hubs. CGT states that because of the configuration and operation of the CGT system, there are no gas indices that are representative of the receipt and delivery points on the CGT system or that represent the value of transportation on the CGT system. Therefore, it has had no shipper requests for and does not anticipate future requests for index-based pricing for capacity release on its system. CGT states that the time and cost to implement the NAESB standards will be significant and unnecessary. CGT offers to post

information on the CGT web site to direct any shipper desiring to make an index-based capacity release to their Customer Service Staff Department which will post notices of index-based release offers on its web site, manually evaluate bids, make awards by the deadlines prescribed by the NAESB standards, and post their winning bids on its website. CGT states this process will work for non-biddable index-based releases as well.

3. Public notice of the filing was issued on April 27, 2010. 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 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 protests or adverse comments were filed.

4. The Commission finds that a limited waiver of the electronic requirements of the NAESB index-based capacity release standards is appropriate in this situation. We grant waiver of the index-based capacity release NAESB standards for the electronic data exchange and Internet requirements. However, to the extent CGT requests waiver of NAESB's business practice standards for index-based capacity release, CGT has not supported such a request; therefore, we deny waiver of NAESB's business practices. CGT is also required, when it files its Version 1.9 compliance filing, to amend its tariff to specify procedures for index-based capacity releases on its system to reflect the proposed procedures in its request for waiver.

By direction of the Commission.

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