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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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In Reply Refer To:  
Golden Pass Pipeline LLC  
Docket No. RP11-2025-000

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Attention: Kevin M. Sweeney, Attorney for Golden Pass Pipeline LLC

Reference: Petition for Limited Waiver of Tariff

Dear Mr. Sweeney:

1. On April 22, 2011, Golden Pass Pipeline LLC (Golden Pass) filed a petition requesting a limited waiver of section 6.26 of its FERC Gas Tariff to enable Golden Pass to conduct a smart pig test of its pipeline facilities without providing six months' advance notice on its web site. Golden Pass states that in the process of preparing its facilities for the commencement of service: (1) it ran a smart pig through its pipeline on February 25, 2011 to collect baseline data from which future smart pig runs could be compared for purposes of monitoring the condition of its pipeline (Baseline Survey); (2) this Baseline Survey was unsuccessful due to a power source failure to the electronics; and (3) it needs to run a smart pig again as soon as possible to establish the baseline data. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission grants Golden Pass' request for a limited waiver of section 6.26 of its FERC Gas Tariff to enable it to conduct a smart pig test of its pipeline facilities without providing six months' advance notice on its web site.

2. Golden Pass states that, with regard to its FERC Gas Tariff: (1) section 6.26.1 requires it to provide shippers "at least six (6) months prior written notice to the commencement of any Planned Maintenance."; and (2) section 6.1.32 defines "Planned Maintenance" as "those repair and maintenance (including pigging) activities and any tie-in or expansion operations which are required to be carried out with respect to the pipeline from time to time, which will effect [sic] the Transporter's ability to make available for receipt and delivery quantities of Gas up to Shipper's Contracted Capacity."

3. Golden Pass contends that waiting six months to conduct the test to provide notice would diminish the value of the data collected. Golden Pass states that the process of re-

running the smart pig will require natural gas transportation volumes to be managed to a rate of 350 MMcfd and with delivery limited to Golden Pass' interconnection with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation for a period of one day or less. Golden Pass states that it will provide at least two weeks' advance notice on its web site of the date and expected duration of the test, and will work with its shippers to ensure that this smart pig run is conducted in a manner that has little or no impact on its shippers.

4. Public notice of Golden Pass' filing was issued on April 27, 2011. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Rule 214,<sup>2</sup> all timely filed motions to intervene and any unopposed 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.

5. We find that good cause exists to grant Golden Pass' request for a limited waiver of section 6.26 of its FERC Gas Tariff to enable it to conduct a smart pig test of its pipeline facilities without providing six months' advance notice on its web site. Golden Pass has committed, instead, to provide at least two weeks' advance notice on its web site of the date and expected duration of the smart pig test and will work with its shippers to ensure that the smart pig run is conducted in a manner that has little or no impact on its shippers, which we find reasonable in this case.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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<sup>1</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2010).

<sup>2</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2010).