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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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In Reply Refer To:
Equitrans, L.P.
Docket No. RP12-370-000

Equitrans, L.P.
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Attention: Paul W. Diehl, Senior Counsel-Midstream

Reference: Request for Temporary Waiver

Dear Mr. Diehl:

1. On February 3, 2012, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans) filed a request to temporarily waive certain tariff provisions, Commission regulations, and North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) Wholesale Gas Quadrant (WGQ) Standards, as delineated below, to account for temporary system outages that will occur as a result of physically relocating Equitrans' computer systems. The dates for which Equitrans requests temporary waiver are February 17, 2012 through February 21, 2012. Equitrans states that the relocation is necessary to allow improvements in the stability of its current operating system and its ability to meet future growth requirements.
2. The specific tariff provisions, Commission regulations, and NAESB standards that Equitrans seeks waiver of are:
 - a. NAESB WGQ Standard 5.3.31 through 5.3.45, and Standard 5.4.16 set forth in section 6.35 of its General Terms and Conditions (GT&C), which govern capacity release transactions, and system-wide notices;
 - b. Section 284.12 of the Commission's regulations, which sets standards for pipelines business operations and communications.

3. Equitrans requests these waivers to ensure business continuity on its system. This relocation will cause the functions of Altra Web (Equitrans' nominations and capacity release systems) and the electronic bulletin board (including system-wide notices) to be unavailable during the time frame. While the Altra Web system is unavailable, Equitrans states that it will continue to accept nominations and changes to those nominations by facsimile, in accordance with its tariff. In addition, Equitrans will provide confirmations and similar information usually posted on the electronic bulletin board to its shippers by e-mail.

4. The Commission issued notice of Equitrans' waiver request on February 6, 2012, allowing for protests and interventions filed on or before February 8, 2012. Pursuant to Rule 214, 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 party filed a protest or adverse comments.

5. For good cause shown, we grant Equitrans' request to waive the tariff provisions, Commission regulations, and NAESB standards discussed above. The Commission has granted similar waivers to other pipelines under similar circumstances.¹

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

¹ *E.g.*, *Sabine Pipe Line LLC*, 126 FERC ¶ 61,159 (2009); *Columbia Gas Transmission Co., et al.*, 116 FERC ¶ 61,067 (2006).