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In Reply Refer To:
Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line
Company, LLC
Docket No. RP12-932-000

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Attention: Marg Camardello
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Reference: Clarification and Update of Tariff Records

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On August 8, 2012, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) filed revised tariff records to clarify and update its tariff.¹ Transco requests that the instant tariff records become effective September 8, 2012, and also requests that the Commission clarify that certain contracts do not need to be refiled with the Commission. For the reasons given below, we accept Transco's Filing, to become effective September 8, 2012 as requested, and grant the requested clarification.

2. In its transmittal letter, Transco lists numerous edits to its tariff. Most of these edits update outdated provisions, clarify terminology, revise language to mirror similar language elsewhere in the tariff, and make miscellaneous editorial and typographical changes.

3. Transco also proposes to remove language that places a Maximum Daily Quantity (MDQ) limitation on transactions made under Rate Schedules IT, IDLS, and ICTS.

¹ See the attached Appendix for a listing of the tariff records.

Transco states that under Transco's existing business practice, the MDQs on those interruptible service agreements are not used to determine the allocation of interruptible service. Rather, Transco explains, it allocates interruptible service based on nominated and scheduled quantities in accordance with the priorities set forth in Transco's tariff. Accordingly, Transco proposes to eliminate the specification of an MDQ in its interruptible service agreements because such specification is unnecessary under Transco's tariff.

4. Transco states that to require its existing Buyers to revise their currently effective interruptible service agreements would be unduly burdensome to the Buyers. Rather, Transco proposes language in Article 2 of Rate Schedules IT, IDLS and ICTS to state that any MDQ specified in an existing service agreement under such rate schedules shall not be applied in the determination of the level of transportation service to be allocated on any day to a Buyer under that service agreement. Transco argues that this revision will result in all Buyers under Rate Schedules IT, IDLS, or ICTS, both existing and new, receiving the same treatment in the allocation of interruptible service. In this regard, Transco requests that the Commission clarify that its previously executed interruptible agreements that conformed to the previous Form of Service Agreement will not need to be resubmitted to the Commission merely due to the instant revisions to the forms of service agreement.²

5. Public notice of the filing was issued on August 9, 2012. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations.³ Pursuant to Rule 214,⁴ all timely filed motions to intervene and any unopposed 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 received.

6. We accept the instant tariff records to be effective September 8, 2012 as requested. The proposed revisions mainly clarify the existing tariff rather than affect the rights and obligations of the pipeline or its customers. Moreover, with regard to Transco's proposal to remove the MDQ limitation for interruptible rate schedules, the Commission finds that it is unnecessary to state an MDQ for interruptible service agreements where, as here, Transco does not use the MDQ to determine the allocation of interruptible service.

² Transco Transmittal Letter at n.1.

³ 18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2012).

⁴ 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2012).

7. In addition, the Commission grants the clarification requested by Transco. Transco's revisions in the instant filing will not require that Transco's previously executed interruptible agreements that conformed to the previous Form of Service Agreement be resubmitted to the Commission. Such contracts and Form of Service Agreement were previously found to be just and reasonable by the Commission and the Commission finds the proposed revisions to Transco's tariff to be just and reasonable. Therefore, because Transco's interruptible Form of Service Agreements all contain a provision stating that the service agreements shall accord with and incorporate the terms of Transco's Commission-approved tariff, "as the same may be legally amended or superseded from time to time,"⁵ any service agreement that previously conformed with Transco's interruptible Form of Service Agreements would, by its very terms, follow the tariff revisions approved in this order, without the need for any further action by the parties or the Commission.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

⁵ *E.g.*, [Section 2.1, Rate Schedule IT Form of Service, 2.0.0](#), at §V.1.

Appendix

**Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC
FERC NGA Gas Tariff
Fifth Revised Volume No. 1**

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[Section 2.1, Rate Schedule IT Form of Service, 2.0.0](#)

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