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In Reply Refer To:  
WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.  
Docket No. RP12-986-000

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Reference: FRP and EPRR Adjustments, Limited Waiver Request

1. On August 31, 2012, WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI) filed revised tariff records<sup>1</sup> to reflect changes to its fuel reimbursement percentages (FRP) and electric power reimbursement rates (EPRR), in accordance with section 37 of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its FERC Gas Tariff. WBI also requests a limited one-time waiver of subsections 37.2.2 and 37.6.1 of the GT&C, so that it may reduce the balance of its Electric Power Reimbursement Deferral Account (EPRD Account) for gathering service to zero, establish an EPRR for gathering service of 0.000 cents/Dth, and direct bill customers to close out the EPRR and EPRD accounts since it no longer uses electric compression. As discussed below, WBI's request for a limited waiver is granted and the revised tariff records are accepted, effective October 1, 2012.

2. Section 37 of WBI's GT&C requires it to adjust the FRP and EPRR for its gathering, storage and transportation services to become effective April 1 (annual) and October 1 (semi-annual) each year. In the instant filing, WBI revises its

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<sup>1</sup> WBI Energy Transmission, Inc., FERC NGA Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, [Sheet No. 12, Notice of Currently Effective Rates, 6.0.0](#); [Sheet No. 13, , 5.0.0](#); [Sheet No. 14, , 6.0.0](#); [Sheet No. 16, , 6.0.0](#); [Sheet No. 17, , 5.0.0](#); [Sheet No. 18, , 6.0.0](#); [Sheet No. 20, , 6.0.0](#); and [Sheet No. 450C, , 1.0.0](#).

current and deferred components for both the effective FRP and EPRR for each of its services. Specifically, for the total FRP, WBI proposes an increase of 0.061 percent (from 5.610 percent to 5.671 percent) for gathering services; an increase of 0.086 percent (from 0.852 percent to 0.938 percent) for storage services; and an increase of 0.242 percent (from 1.690 percent to 1.932 percent) for transportation services. In addition, for the total EPRR, WBI proposes a decrease of 4.242 cents/Dth (from 4.242 cents/Dth to 0.000 cents/Dth) for gathering services; an increase of 0.323 cents/Dth (from 0.205 cents/Dth to 0.528 cents/Dth) for storage services; and a decrease of 0.055 cents/Dth (from 0.856 cents/Dth to 0.801 cents/Dth) for transportation services.

3. WBI requests limited waiver of subsections 37.2.2 and 37.6.1 of the GT&C to allow it to reduce the balance of its EPRD Account for gathering service to zero, and to establish a new EPRR for gathering service of 0.000 cents/Dth. WBI believes that good cause exists to grant the waiver given that it no longer utilizes electric compression to provide for gathering service; therefore, the EPRR and the EPRD Account for gathering service are no longer required. Furthermore, WBI expects that the EPRD Account for gathering service will have an under-collection of approximately \$26,000, which it would collect during the remainder of the deferral period of October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013. Instead of collecting the under-collected amount during the remainder of the deferral period, WBI proposes to bill its gathering shippers on their October 2012 invoices for their pro rata share of the amount based on each shipper's total volumes gathered in October 2012. WBI contends that the requested waiver would prevent any continued over- or under-recovery of the EPRD Account and that the gathering shippers would not be assessed additional carrying charges. WBI states that it has contacted each of the affected gathering shippers regarding this proposal, and none objected to its proposal.

4. Public notice of the filing was issued on September 5, 2012. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2012)). Pursuant to Rule 214 (18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2012)), 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 filed.

5. Accordingly, having considered the filing and request for waiver, the Commission accepts the tariff records listed in Footnote No. 1 of this letter order, effective October 1, 2012. The Commission finds that good cause exists to grant WBI limited waiver of subsections 37.2.2 and 37.6.1 of its GT&C as it applies to the EPRD Account and the EPRR for gathering service.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.