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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

March 26, 2013

In Reply Refer To:  
Dominion Transmission, Inc.,  
Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP, and  
Dominion South Pipeline Company, LP  
Docket No. RP13-675-000

Dominion Resources Services, Inc.  
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Attention: Lois M. Henry, Senior Counsel

Dear Ms. Henry:

1. On March 5, 2013, Dominion Transmission, Inc., Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP, and Dominion South Pipeline Company, LP (collectively Dominion) 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 it stated would occur as a result of an upcoming upgrade to Dominion's E-Script computer system. The time period for which Dominion requests temporary waiver is from Friday, March 8, 2013, at 8:30 p.m. Eastern until approximately 12:15 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2013.
2. The specific tariff provisions, Commission regulations, and NAESB standards that Dominion seeks waiver of are:
  - a. NAESB Standards 2.3.1 through 2.3.65 relating to flowing gas; Standards 3.3.1 through 3.3.26 relating to invoicing; Standards 1.3.2(vi) through 1.3.80 relating to nominations, Standards 4.3.1 through 4.3.102 relating to electronic delivery mechanisms; Standards 5.3.1 through 5.3.72

relating to handling of capacity release transactions; and Standards 10.3.1 through 10.3.27 relating to internet electronic transport;<sup>1</sup>

- b. Section 284.12 of the Commission's regulations governing the standards for pipeline business operations and communications; and
- c. Any provisions of the pipelines' FERC Gas Tariffs that may be necessary, including waivers related to Requesting and Scheduling of Service, Capacity Release and Electronic Bulletin Board as provided in the General Terms and Conditions.

3. Dominion states that it is upgrading its E-Script computer software, which supports its Customer Activities functions and web-based public electronic bulletin board. Dominion anticipates that E-Script will be out of service for less than a 24-hour period and during the outage period certain electronic information and communication services contemplated by the above referenced NAESB standards and Commission regulations will be unavailable to the three Dominion pipelines' shippers.

4. Dominion states it has taken extensive measures to time the outage to ensure minimal disruption to its customers. The outage is scheduled to begin Friday evening after the Intra-day 2 Nomination Cycle has been completed and, as planned, E-Script will be available to customers prior to the close of the Timely Nomination Cycle for the next Gas Day. All customers have been notified of the outage and Dominion will have employees available via telephone during the outage to assist customers with questions or transactions that may arise and, if necessary, manually request nominations. In addition, Dominion states no customer will incur any scheduling or imbalance penalties that may result due to the unavailability of the EBB system.

5. Public notice of Dominion's waiver request was issued on March 11, 2013, allowing for protests and interventions filed on or before March 13, 2013. 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.

6. For good cause shown, we grant Dominion's request to waive the tariff provisions, Commission regulations and NAESB standards listed above so that it can perform upgrades to its E-Script computer system. We remind Dominion that it should endeavor

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<sup>1</sup> These standards are incorporated by reference per Section 31 of the General Terms and Conditions of Dominion Transmission, Inc's. FERC Gas Tariff, Section 26 of the General Terms and Conditions of Cove Point LNG, LP's FERC Gas Tariff and Section 17 of Dominion South Pipeline LP's FERC Gas Tariff, respectively.

to provide the public sufficient notice of its proposed actions and, therefore, in the future, it should file any similar waiver proposal with the Commission at least 12 days in advance of the proposed effective date to the extent it is able to do so.<sup>2</sup> In addition, the Commission notes that in order to avoid the need for future waiver filings when maintenance to the E-Script system must be conducted, Dominion may wish to consider adding provisions to its tariff to define alternate methods for allowing shippers to conduct business when the system is not available on a short-term basis.<sup>3</sup>

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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<sup>2</sup> *E.g., Sabine Pipe Line LLC*, 126 FERC ¶ 61,159 (2009).

<sup>3</sup> *See, e.g., Chandeleur Pipe Line Co.*, 126 FERC ¶ 61,257 (2009).