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In Reply Refer To:
CenterPoint Energy – Mississippi River
Transmission Corporation
Docket No. RP05-172-001

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Attention: Lawrence O. Thomas, Director of Rate and Regulatory

Reference: Compliance Filing – Modification of Gas Quality Specifications

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On March 23, 2005, CenterPoint Energy - Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) filed additional information to comply with the Commission's Order issued on March 3, 2005 in this proceeding (March 3 Order).¹ MRT's tariff sheets were accepted and suspended to become effective August 3, 2005, subject to MRT filing the following additional information within 30 days of the March 3 Order: (1) justification for its proposal; (2) the corresponding nitrogen, sulfur, temperature, and hydrocarbon dew point standards for interconnecting pipelines; (3) an explanation of how it derived its proposed modified standards for nitrogen, sulfur, temperature, and hydrocarbon dew point; and, (4) an explanation of how MRT's proposal would affect its shippers and the operations of interconnecting pipelines. In addition, acceptance of MRT's filing was made subject to developments in Docket No. PL04-3-000. The Commission accepts the compliance filing, as discussed below.

2. MRT provided in its compliance filing: (1) satisfactory justification for its proposal to modify certain gas quality specifications, which included the establishment of clear and enforceable tariff language that ensures the overall quality of gas that is transported through its system; (2) a comparison table of gas quality specifications

¹ *CenterPoint Energy - Mississippi River Transmission Corporation*, 110 FERC ¶ 61,223 (2005).

standards for interconnecting pipelines; (3) an explanation that it derived its proposed modified standards based on quality standards of other interstate pipelines, including those interconnected with its system; and, (4) an explanation that its proposal, while establishing standards that are consistent with the quality of most of the gas currently transported on its system, requested a five month suspension of effective date of its tariff changes to allow certain receipt point operators, which represent a small volume of substandard gas received from producers and gatherers, to make the appropriate facility modifications necessary to meet the proposed quality standards. Accordingly, the Commission finds that MRT has fully complied with the March 3 Order, and the tariff sheets will become effective August 3, 2005, without further condition.

3. MRT's compliance filing was noticed on April 13, 2005, allowing for protests to be filed as provided by section 154.211 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 154.211 (2005)). No protests or adverse comments were filed.

By direction of the Commission.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

cc: All Parties