

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

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In Reply Refer To:
Docket Nos. IS06-41-000
DO06-2-000

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Attention: Charles F. Caldwell, Esquire

Reference: Letter Order Approving Uncontested Settlement

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On February 1, 2006, a Public Version and a Confidential Version of an Offer of Settlement (“Settlement” or “Settlement Agreement”) in the above-referenced docket was filed on behalf of MarkWest Michigan Pipeline Company, L.L.C., Sunoco Partners Marketing & Terminals, L.P., GulfMark Energy, Inc., and Merit Energy Company (collectively, the “Parties”). On February 23, 2006, the Commission’s Trial Staff submitted comments that did not oppose the acceptance of the Settlement by the Commission. No other comments were received. On March 7, 2006, the Honorable Bruce Birchman certified both versions of the Settlement Agreement to the Commission.
2. The Settlement Agreement resolves all issues set for hearing in the above-captioned dockets. The Parties have agreed that the Settlement represents a careful balancing of the Parties’ interests. The tariffs submitted as part of the Settlement Agreement, FERC Nos. 3 and 4, comply with the Settlement and are hereby accepted for filing.
3. The Settlement appears to be fair and reasonable and in the public interest and is hereby approved. The Commission’s approval of this Settlement does not constitute acceptance of, or precedent regarding, any principle or issue in this proceeding.

4. This letter terminates Docket Nos. IS06-41-000 and DO06-2-000.

By direction of the Commission.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

cc: All Parties