FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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In Reply Refer To:
CenterPoint Energy - Mississippi River
Transmission Corporation
Docket No. RP05-691-000

CenterPoint Energy - Mississippi River Transmission Corporation
P.O. Box 21734
Shreveport, LA 71151-0001

Attn: Lawrence O. Thomas, Director-Rate & Regulatory

Re: Uncontested Settlement Agreement

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. On February 17, 2006, CenterPoint Energy – Mississippi River Transmission Corporation (MRT) filed an offer of settlement (settlement) in accordance with Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure in the above proceeding. The settlement resolves all issues related to MRT's annual Fuel Use and Lost and Unaccounted for Gas (LUFG) adjustment filing in the referenced docket. On February 24, 2006, MRT filed an amended page 7 of the settlement to correct a typographical error.

2. The settlement permits MRT to collect 2,301,649 Dth of natural gas from customers to address corrections to Fuel Use and LUFG amounts for transportation service and requires MRT to return 688,417 Dth of gas to customers for errors in computation of Fuel Use and LUFG charges for storage service (supplemental adjustment quantities). Article II of the settlement provides customers under certain rate schedules two methods to reimburse MRT for the subject fuel volumes: (1) the supplemental adjustment percentages in the settlement; and (2) the fixed allocation method. The remaining customers are subject to the supplemental adjustment percentages in the

settlement.[1] Article III of the settlement addresses the true-up of MRT's Fuel Use and LUFG charges. Article IV of the settlement requires MRT to put in place certain internal controls to assist MRT and the parties in evaluating MRT's annual Fuel Use and LUFG filings. Additional articles address the term of the settlement, the parties' reservation of rights, the parties' understanding that the settlement embodies an integrated agreement, and the non-severability of the various provisions of the settlement.

3. Initial comments in support of the settlement were filed on March 2, 2006, by the Missouri Public Service Commission. MRT filed initial comments on March 2, 2006, to assist its customers with their election of payment method. On March 6, 2006, Laclede Gas Company, and Central Illinois Public Service Company d/b/a AmerenCIPS, Illinois Power Company d/b/a AmerenIP, and Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE filed comments in support of the settlement. No party filed comments in opposition to the settlement, and no reply comments were filed.

4. MRT requests that the Commission waive any regulations necessary to expedite Commission review and approval of the settlement. MRT requests Commission action by March 31, 2006, to implement the settlement by May 1, 2006.

5. The settlement is the result of negotiations and compromises between the parties in this case. The Commission finds the uncontested settlement fair, reasonable and in the public interest, and the settlement is hereby approved pursuant to section 385.602(g)(3) of the Commission's settlement rules (18 C.F.R. § 385.602(g)(3) (2005)). The Commission's approval of this settlement does not constitute approval of, or precedent regarding, any principle or issue in this proceeding.

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[1] MRT filed pro forma tariff sheets with the settlement. Upon Commission acceptance of the settlement, MRT will file actual tariff sheets to implement the settlement. At the time MRT recovers the settlement transportation supplemental adjustment quantities and when MRT returns the settlement storage supplemental adjustment quantities, MRT will file to remove the respective supplemental adjustment percentages from its tariff.

6. This letter terminates Docket No. RP05-691-000.

By direction of the Commission.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

cc: All Parties