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In Reply Refer To:
Cheniere Corpus Christi Pipeline, L.P.
Docket No. RP20-17-000

Cheniere Corpus Christi Pipeline, L.P.
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Attention: E. Whit Scott
Vice President, Commercial Services

Reference: Out-of-Cycle Electric Power Cost Adjustment

Dear Mr. Scott:

1. On October 1, 2019, Cheniere Corpus Christi Pipeline, L.P. (Corpus Christi) filed a revised tariff record¹ reflecting an out-of-cycle electric power cost (EPC) adjustment pursuant to Section 6.35.B of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its tariff. Corpus Christi also seeks a waiver of Section 6.35.D of the GT&C of its tariff to permit the new rates to go into effect, for the remainder of the annual cycle, through March 31, 2020, in order to recover incremental electric power costs. For good cause shown, the Commission grants the waiver request and accepts the referenced tariff record to become effective November 1, 2019.

2. Corpus Christi states that Section 6.35.B of its tariff allows it to adjust its EPC rates pursuant to an out-of-cycle filing “at such other times as Transporter in its reasonable discretion determines necessary to become effective 30 days after filing.” Corpus Christi states that the referenced tariff record adjusts its EPC rates for known

¹ Cheniere Corpus Christi Pipeline, LP, FERC NGA Gas Tariff, CCPL Baseline, [Section 4, Statement of Currently Effective Rates for Services, 6.0.1.](#)

and measurable changes occurring subsequent to the filing of its annual EPC filing on March 1, 2019, in Docket No. RP19-721-000 (2019 Annual EPC Filing).²

3. Corpus Christi states in its 2019 Annual EPC Filing, Corpus Christi included \$5,545,783 in projected annual electricity costs for the twelve month period from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. In the instant filing, Corpus Christi proposes to increase the recoverable electric power costs for the seven-month period covering September 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 by \$1,564,707. Corpus Christi states that this increase in projected electric power costs reflects a moderate adjustment to account for increased use of Corpus Christi's electric motor driven (EMD) compressors and decreased use of its gas turbines. Corpus Christi projects that, during the period from September 2019 to March 2020, the use of its EMD compressors will increase and use of its gas turbines will continue to decrease. Corpus Christi states that contemporaneously with this filing, it made its semi-annual transportation retainage adjustment filing in Docket No. RP20-15-000, reflecting a decrease in its currently effective retainage percentage.

4. Corpus Christi states that the instant filing is being made in order to prevent a significant increase in its EPC rates in its next annual EPC filing required by March 1, 2020. Therefore, it is proposing to update its currently effective EPC rates through this out-of-cycle filing effective November 1, 2019.

5. Corpus Christi states that it proposes to recover the increased incremental amount of \$1,564,707 in electric power costs for the remainder of the annual cycle, beginning September 1, 2019 and extending through March 31, 2020 (rather than for a full twelve-month period). Accordingly, Corpus Christi requests that the Commission waive Section 6.35.D of its GT&C to permit the new rates to go into effect November 1, 2019, and find that the proposed calculation set forth in Appendix A-C of its revised EPC rates is just and reasonable.

6. Public notice of the filing was issued on October 4, 2019. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations.³ Pursuant to Rule 214,⁴ 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

² On March 27, 2019, the Commission accepted the tariff records submitted in Corpus Christi's 2019 Annual EPC Filing to be effective April 1, 2019, *Cheniere Corpus Christi Pipeline, L.P.*, 166 FERC ¶ 61,227 (2019).

³ 18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2019).

⁴ 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2019).

late intervention at this stage of the proceeding will not disrupt the proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties. No adverse comments or protests were filed.

7. We find that good cause exists to grant the requested waiver because doing so will avoid a significant increase in Corpus Christi's EPC rates in its next annual EPC filing. Corpus Christi states that it will continue to monitor and adjust its EPC surcharge as necessary to ensure that it does not over-recover electric power costs from its customers. Accordingly, the Commission grants the requested waiver and accepts the referenced tariff record, to be effective November 1, 2019, as proposed.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.