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November 26, 2019

In Reply Refer To: Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC Docket No. RP20-163-000

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC P.O. Box 1396 Houston, TX 77251

Attention: Charlotte Hutson

Director, Rates & Regulatory

Dear Ms. Hutson:

- 1. On October 31, 2019, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) filed tariff records¹ to establish the initial recourse rates for the Gateway Expansion Project (Project), effective December 1, 2019, or the date that the Project is placed into service. In a November 6, 2019 supplemental filing, Transco submitted a request for waiver to permit the proposed effective date. As discussed below, we grant the requested waiver and accept the tariff records effective December 1, 2019, or on the date that the Project is placed into service.
- 2. On December 12, 2018, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. CP18-18-000 authorizing construction of the Project.² The Certificate Order authorized Transco to modify, construct and operate certain compressor stations and meter and regulation facilities in Essex and Passaic Counties, New Jersey to provide 65,000 dekatherms (Dth)

¹ Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, FERC NGA Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, <u>Section 1, Table of Contents</u>, 34.0.0, <u>Section 1.1.33, FT - Gateway Expansion Rates</u>, 0.0.0.

 $^{^2}$ Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Co., LLC, 165 FERC \P 61,221 (2018) (Certificate Order).

per day of firm natural gas transportation service to two shippers, UGI Energy Services, LLC and PSEG Power LLC. The Certificate Order directed Transco to revise the cost of service underlying the incremental rates to remove storage service costs not created by the Project from the proposed cost of service as well as adjust the federal corporate tax rate consistent with the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.³

- 3. In the instant filing, Transco proposes to establish the initial recourse rates for the Project, and states that pursuant to the directives of the Certificate Order, Transco has revised the incremental reservation charge of the Project to \$0.67090 per Dth per day and the incremental commodity charge to \$0.01235 per Dth per day. Transco requests that the Commission accept the initial rates effective December 1, 2019, the proposed inservice date of the Project. In a supplemental filing submitted on November 6, 2019, Transco also requests that the Commission grant waiver of Ordering Paragraph (E)⁴ of the Certificate Order and accept the tariff records as proposed in order for the initial rates to take effect on the proposed date.
- 4. Public notice of the filing was issued on November 4, 2019. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations.⁵ Pursuant to Rule 214,⁶ all timely filed motions to intervene and any unopposed motion 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 the proceeding or place additional burdens on the existing parties. No protests or adverse comments were filed.
- 5. We accept the proposed tariff records effective December 1, 2019, or the date on which certain facilities, authorized in Docket No. CP18-18-000, are placed into service, if that date is different. We also find good cause to grant waiver of Ordering Paragraph (E) of the Certificate Order and the Commission's regulations as requested. When Transco files in compliance with section 157.20(c)(2) of the Commission's regulations, it should make this informational filing with the Commission through the eTariff portal using a Type of Filing Code 620. In addition, Transco is advised to include, as part of the eFiling

³ Pub. L. No. 115-97, 131 Stat. 2054 (2017) (Tax Cuts and Job Act).

⁴ Ordering Paragraph E of the Certificate Order states that Transco shall file actual tariff records setting forth the initial rates for service on the Project not less than 60 days prior to the date the Project facilities go into service.

⁵ 18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2019).

⁶ 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2019).

description, a reference to Docket No. CP18-18-000, and the actual in-service date for this project.⁷

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

⁷ Electronic Tariff Filings, 130 FERC ¶ 61,047, at P 17 (2010).