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In Reply Refer To:
Cameron Interstate Pipeline, LLC
Docket No. RP20-265-000

Cameron Interstate Pipeline, LLC
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San Diego, CA 92101

Attention: Jerrod L. Harrison, Sr. Counsel

Dear Mr. Harrison:

1. On November 26, 2019, Cameron Interstate Pipeline, LLC (Cameron) filed a request for a limited waiver of its tariff to permit a 60-day extension of time for Cameron to submit its annual fuel retainage filing, which is otherwise due to be filed on December 1, 2019. Cameron requests that the Commission shorten the comment period to seven days and issue an order granting the requested waiver on or before December 17, 2019, in order to provide certainty to Cameron and its shippers. Cameron's request for waiver is granted, as discussed below.
2. Cameron states that section 8.22.4 of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its tariff requires Cameron to submit an annual filing on or before December 1 of each year to update the fuel retainage percentage in its tariff, to become effective January 1 of the following year. Cameron states that it has been working to meet this deadline for the current year, and while it has completed an initial calculation of updated fuel retainage percentages, it has determined that certain underlying data concerning its Actual Fuel and Loss Quantity requires further verification and analysis.¹
3. Cameron states that it feeds gas into the Cameron Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Liquefaction Project, which commenced service in August 2019. Cameron states that since such commencement of service, its actual fuel and loss quantities have changed noticeably, requiring additional time for Cameron to investigate the extent to which these changes may be attributable to meter error or some other cause.² Thus, Cameron requests

¹ Cameron Petition at 1.

² *Id.* at 1-2.

waiver of section 8.22.4 of its GT&C to permit a 60-day extension of time, until January 30, 2020, to submit its annual fuel retainage filing,³ leaving in place the currently-effective fuel retainage percentage until its new fuel retainage percentage takes effect. Further, Cameron proposes to make such rates effective March 1, 2020, and states that its filing will include a true-up calculation to reflect any necessary changes.⁴

4. Public notice of the filing was issued on November 27, 2019. Cameron requested and was granted a shortened comment period with interventions and protests due on or before December 3, 2019. Pursuant to Rule 214,⁵ 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 existing parties. No adverse comments or protests were filed. The request for waiver is therefore uncontested.

5. We grant Cameron a limited waiver of section 8.22.4 of its GT&C and a 60-day extension of time to submit its annual fuel retainage filing required by its tariff. Commission regulations require that estimates used in the calculation must be justified.⁶ As explained by Cameron, the issues underlying its actual fuel and loss quantities make it difficult to verify the accuracy of its estimates and, as such, Cameron would not be able to provide justification for the estimates used in the calculation of its fuel retainage percentages. Granting Cameron this limited waiver and 60-day extension of time will provide Cameron additional time to identify the issues affecting its actual fuel and loss quantities and to take the necessary actions to correct them so that Cameron will have more accurate estimates to support its annual fuel retainage filing on or before January 30, 2020.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

³ *Id.* at 2.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2019).

⁶ 18 C.F.R. § 154.403(d)(3)(ii) (2019).