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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20426

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In Reply Refer To:
Viking Gas Transmission Company
Docket No. RP20-562-000

Viking Gas Transmission Company
c/o ONEOK, Inc.
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Tulsa, OK 74103

Attention: David E. Keglovits
Vice President and Associate General Counsel

Dear Mr. Keglovits:

1. On February 26, 2020, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking) filed a tariff record¹ reflecting its semi-annual adjustment to its Fuel and Loss Retention Percentages (FLRP) for Rate Schedules FT-A, IT, and AOT (authorized overrun). Viking also requests a temporary and limited waiver of sections 26.2.3 and 26.2.4 of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its tariff, which describes the calculations used to derive the FLRPs, to increase the likelihood of a full return of the over-recovered Deferred Gas Required for Operations (GRO) balance to its shippers by the end of the summer period. For good cause shown, we grant the requested waivers and accept the referenced tariff record to be effective April 1, 2020.

2. Viking states that sections 26.2.3 and 26.2.4 of its GT&C prescribe a three-year average for estimated quantity determinants and the calculation to be used to derive its FLRPs. According to Viking, use of the prescribed methodology in accordance with section 26.2.3 would yield a higher FLRP rate and likely result in an over-recovery position at the end of the summer period. For this reason, Viking states that it has calculated its FLRPs for the summer period using only the volumes recorded in 2019 for its estimated quantity determinants.

¹ Viking Gas Transmission Company, FERC NGA Gas Tariff, Viking - FERC Gas Tariff, [Part 5.0, Statement of Rates, 41.0.0](#).

3. According to Viking, the calculated Fuel Rates (the FLRP is composed of Fuel Rates and L&U percentages) for Zone 1-1 and Zone 1-2 under its revised methodology are 0.01 percent. Viking requests that the Commission approve a temporary waiver of the FLRP provisions in GT&C sections 26.2.3 and 26.2.4 of its tariff to reduce the Fuel Rates and resulting FLRP Rates from 0.01 percent to 0.00 percent for these zones, which Viking anticipates will increase the likelihood of a full return of the over-recovered Deferred GRO balance to its shippers by the end of the summer period.
4. Public notice of the filing was issued on March 2, 2020. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2019)). Pursuant to Rule 214 (18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2019)), all timely filed motions to intervene and any unopposed motion to intervene filed out-of-time 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 submitted.
5. We accept Viking's proposed tariff record to effectuate the proposed adjustment to its FLRP. We find that Viking has shown good cause to grant the temporary and limited waiver of sections 26.2.3 and 26.2.4 of its tariff to reduce its FLRP percentage to zero for Zone 1-1 and Zone 1-2. We also grant Viking's request for waiver of sections 26.2.3 and 26.2.4 of its tariff to permit Viking to exclude its three-year average for its estimated quantity determinants and instead utilize only volumes recorded in 2019 for its estimated quantity determinants. As stated above, granting the waiver should increase the likelihood of Viking fully returning the over-recovered GRO balance to its shippers by the end of the summer period. Accordingly, we grant Viking's unopposed requests for waiver and accept the proposed tariff record to be effective April 1, 2020.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.