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In Reply Refer To:
Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline LLC
Docket No. RP20-593-000

Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline LLC
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Attention: Kevin Palmer

Dear Mr. Palmer:

1. On February 28, 2020, Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline LLC (KMLP) filed a tariff record¹ to reflect an out-of-cycle rate adjustment which decreases its fuel reimbursement percentages. KMLP also requests waiver of Section 36.3 of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its tariff to adjust its fuel gas reimbursement percentages to be effective April 1, 2020. As discussed below, and for good cause shown, we grant the requested waiver and accept the proposed tariff record, to be effective April 1, 2020.
2. KMLP states that it submitted its out-of-cycle fuel rate adjustment filing to adjust its currently effective unaccounted for (UAF) and fuel gas reimbursement percentages to address over-collection balances, which have accumulated over the last year. KMLP asserts the requested adjustment is intended to reduce further over-collections, which could cause operational issues on its system. KMLP adds that, given its operating profile as a system with no storage and limited receipt and delivery points, the over-collection of fuel has increased operating pressures on the pipeline and impacted the ability of receipt locations to flow scheduled volumes, resulting in imbalances and increasing the line pack level on the system. KMLP states that it submitted the instant filing to prevent the

¹ Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline LLC, FERC NGA Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, [Sheet No. 6, Currently Effective Rates - Reimbursement Percentages, 10.0.0.](#)

over-collection of fuel and to mitigate and control the fuel level of the deferred account balances that would be reflected in the next annual periodic fuel rate adjustment filing.

3. KMLP states that it proposes to redetermine the reimbursement percentages for UAF and fuel gas beginning April 1, 2020. KMLP states that for the purposes of this filing, pursuant to GT&C Section 36.2, the base period is the nine-month period from May 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020, which is two months before the commencement of the new recovery period. Furthermore, KMLP states that the revised UAF and fuel gas reimbursement percentages are derived by adding the current component, defined in GT&C section 36.5, and the deferred component, defined in GT&C Section 36.5.

4. KMLP proposes a reimbursement percent for UAF of -0.41%, consisting of a current component of -0.09 % and a deferred component of -0.32%. KMLP states that this proposed UAF percentage reflects a decrease of 0.37% from the currently effective rate of -0.04%. KMLP proposes a reimbursement percentage for fuel gas of 0.63%, consisting of a current component of 0.75% and a deferred component of -0.12%. KMLP states that this proposed fuel gas percentage reflects a decrease of 0.23% from the currently effective rate of 0.86%.

5. KMLP states that its tariff, as detailed in GT&C Section 36.3, provides for annual adjustments to redetermine the UAF and fuel gas reimbursement percentages effective July 1. KMLP states that Section 36.3 also allows for a semi-annual adjustment at its discretion, which would be effective January 1. Because KMLP requests an April 1, 2020 effective date, KMLP requests waiver of its tariff provision to allow for the instant out-of-cycle rate adjustment.

6. Public notice of the filing was issued on March 2, 2020. Interventions and protests were due consistent with section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations.² Pursuant to Rule 214,³ all timely filed motions to intervene and any motions 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 this proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties. No protests or adverse comments were filed.

² 18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2019).

³ 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2019).

7. We find that KMLP has shown good cause to grant its waiver request. Allowing KMLP to file an out-of-cycle rate adjustment will help address its over-collected balances. Additionally, KMLP's deferred component true-up mechanism will carry this balance over to the next adjustment period and, thus, ensures that neither KMLP nor its shippers are unduly disadvantaged. Further, granting the waiver will assist KMLP in mitigating potential operational issues. Therefore, for good cause shown, we grant KMLP's request for waiver of GT&C Section 36.3 of its tariff and accept the referenced tariff record to be effective April 1, 2020.

By direction of the Commission.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.