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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20426

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In Reply Refer To:  
Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line  
Company, LLC  
Docket No. RP19-299-000

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line  
Company, LLC  
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Attention: Charlotte Hutson  
Director, Rates & Regulatory

Dear Ms. Hutson:

1. On November 19, 2018, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) filed tariff records,<sup>1</sup> including an alternate tariff record, to establish the initial recourse rates for the Gulf Connector Expansion Project (Project). Transco proposes that the tariff records be made effective on December 1, 2018 and requests any waivers necessary to permit that effective date.<sup>2</sup> As discussed below, we grant the requested waivers, and the tariff records are either accepted effective December 1, 2018 or rejected as moot, as listed in the Appendix.

2. On November 21, 2017, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. CP16-494-000 authorizing construction of the Project (Certificate Order).<sup>3</sup> On September 7,

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix.

<sup>2</sup> Transco requested waiver of the notice requirement in 18 C.F.R. § 154.207, Ordering Para. (E) of the Order Issuing Certificate that requires filing no later than 30 days prior to the date the facilities to into service, and the requirement in 18 C.F.R. § 154.203(b) that parties must comply with ordering paragraphs.

<sup>3</sup> *Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Co., LLC*, 161 FERC ¶ 61,214 (2017) (Certificate Order).

2018, Transco filed to amend its initial Project application (Amended Application) to (i) reflect increased estimated capital costs with the Project; (ii) provide for a single in-service date as opposed to phasing in the Project as initially proposed; and (iii) revise the initial recourse rate to reflect the increased estimated Project costs, elimination of the phase-in, and the lowered income tax rates and the elimination of bonus tax depreciation that went into effect January 1, 2018 as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

3. Transco states that when it made the instant filing on November 19, 2018, the Amended Application was still pending before the Commission. Transco stated that it accordingly filed two tariff records reflecting the initial rates for the Project: Part II, Section 1.1.31, version 1.0.0, reflecting the initial recourse rate approved in the Commission's Certificate Order authorizing the Project, and Part II, Section 1.1.31, version 1.0.1, an alternate tariff record reflecting the revised initial recourse rates for the Project that Transco proposed in its Amended Application. Additionally, Transco states that after it filed the Amended Application, Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC (CCL) requested that Transco initiate service under the Project earlier than the target in-service date of January 1, 2019. Transco states that it anticipates that certain of the Project facilities will be ready for service as early as December 1, 2018, enabling it to provide service up to 290,000 dekatherms (Dth) per day (of the total Project capacity of 475,000 Dth per day).<sup>4</sup> Transco proposes to provide this interim service to CCL until all Project facilities are constructed and ready for service.

4. Transco states that full transportation service under the Project will be provided using facilities that were modified to allow for bi-directional flow in Transco's traditional production area (Zones 1, 2, and 3). Transco states that, beginning with the in-service date of the Project, whether for interim service or the full Project service, Transco will begin compressing gas for southbound delivery, and Transco will begin assessing its generally applicable Zones 1, 2, and 3 fuel retention percentages on all gas transported in those zones coincident with the in-service date of the Project, as approved in the Certificate Order.<sup>5</sup>

5. On November 20, 2018, the Commission issued an order granting the Amended Application.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> On December 6, 2018, in Docket Nos. CP16-494-000 and CP16-494-001, Transco notified the Commission that certain Project facilities were placed into service on December 1, 2018.

<sup>5</sup> 161 FERC ¶ 61,214, at P 19 and Ordering Para. (D) (2017).

<sup>6</sup> *Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC*, 165 FERC ¶ 61,154 (2018).

6. Public notice of the filing was issued on November 19, 2018. Interventions and protests were due as provided in section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations.<sup>7</sup> Pursuant to Rule 214,<sup>8</sup> 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. On November 20, 2018, CCL filed comments in support of the application. No protests or adverse comments were filed.

7. We accept the tariff records, as listed in the Appendix, containing the rates outlined in the Amended Application so that Transco may provide the interim service, as proposed, and reject as moot the tariff record with the originally approved rates. We also find good cause to grant waiver of Ordering Paragraph (E) of the Certificate Order and the Commission's regulations as requested.

By direction of the Commission. Commissioner McIntyre is not voting on this letter order.

Commissioner McNamee is not participating.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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<sup>7</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 154.210 (2018).

<sup>8</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2018).

**Appendix**

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC  
FERC NGA Gas Tariff  
Fifth Revised Volume No. 1

Tariff Records accepted, Effective December 1, 2018:

[Section 1 Table of Contents, 30.0.2](#)

[Section 1.1.31, FT - Gulf Connector Rates, 1.0.1\(alternate\)](#)

Tariff Record rejected as moot:

[Section 1.1.31, FT - Gulf Connector Rates, 1.0.0](#)