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Attention: Magalie R. Salas
Secretary

Reference: Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation
Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC
Northwest Pipeline Corporation
Notice of Emergency Situation
Docket No. EY06-

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC (Pine Needle) through its operator Pine Needle Operating Company, and Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) (collectively Pipelines), The Williams Companies, Inc. (Williams) submits to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) that it is currently experiencing technical difficulties that have affected its network systems, including those used by the Pipelines. As explained in more detail below, these difficulties temporarily compromised the Pipelines' ability to comply with the Commission's regulations adopting the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) Version 1.7 data sets relating to ANSI X.12. By this letter, Williams seeks to inform the Commission of the occurrence of this incident and, to the extent the Commission deems necessary, the Pipelines seek a temporary waiver of the Commission's regulations relating to ANSI X.12 for the time period during which they have been unable, due to circumstances beyond their control, to comply. Despite this situation and the corrective measures described below, the Pipelines will not give preferential access or provide preferential treatment to any Energy Affiliate.

On December 5, 2005, a city water main broke underneath the corporate office of The Williams Companies, Inc. in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Tulsa office was evacuated and closed due to the city's water main break and resulting power outage. Certain of the servers dedicated to the Pipelines' operation were stored in the Tulsa office and were affected by this incident. Disaster recovery teams responded immediately and began working to restore the network systems and operations.

As a result of this incident, the server that facilitates the Pipelines' compliance with the NAESB Version 1.7 data sets relating to ANSI X.12 is not operational. This server is being relocated to Houston, Texas and is anticipated to be placed back into service as early as December 7, 2005. As a result, the Pipelines will be unable to perform certain electronic data interchange (EDI) via ANSI X.12 for a limited period. Therefore, the Pipelines are advising the Commission of this force majeure condition with respect to the performance of such EDI for this limited period and to

the extent necessary, seek a waiver of the Commission's requirement for the limited time period where they have been unable to comply with the NAESB Version 1.7 data sets relating to ANSI X.12. All of the parties using EDI have been notified of this temporary outage.

To the extent necessary, Williams requests that the temporary waivers described above be granted effective immediately. Williams will notify the Commission when these technical difficulties have been resolved.

Any communications in regard to this filing should be sent to the undersigned:

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Respectfully submitted,

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