Transco FERC Watch

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Transco Technical Working Group

The next TWG meeting is scheduled to be held on October 19, 2021, at 1pm CDT, subject to cancellation due to lack of sub-committee meetings.

Washington Storage Field – Market Based Rates (Docket No. RP21-1143-000)

On September 21, 2021, Transco filed a petition requesting that FERC issue a declaratory order: (1) granting Transco authorization to charge market-based rates for the natural gas storage services performed at its Washington Storage Field in Louisiana; and (2) approving waivers of Sections 284.7(e) and 284.10 of the Commission's regulations, which require that natural gas companies providing Part 284 storage services charge reservation fees that recover all fixed costs based on the Straight-Fixed Variable rate design methodology. Transco also requests that FERC grant Transco the requested authorization and waivers no later than March 1, 2022. The Commission requests comments by 5:00pm Eastern Time on October 21, 2021.

Cash-out Settlement Compliance Filing Approval (Docket Nos. RP20-614 and RP20-618)

In compliance with the Commission's order issued July 30, 2021, approving the May 26, 2021, Stipulation and Agreement in the above referenced dockets, Transco submitted certain revised tariff records to its FERC Gas Tariff on August 30, 2021. On September 30, 2021, the Commission approved the tariff records, as requested.

Annual Charge Adjustment Tracker Filing (Docket Nos. RP21-1078)

On September 14, 2021, the Commission approved Transco's August 31, 2021, filing to revise its tariff record to track rate changes resulting from an increase in the Annual Charge Adjustment rate from \$0.0011 to \$0.0012. The revised tariff records are effective October 1, 2020, as proposed.

Cash-Out Original Under-recovery Balance Surcharge (Docket No. RP22-13)

Under the provisions of the settlement in Docket Nos. RP20-614, RP20-618, and RP21-24, Transco submitted updated Tariffs records on October 1, 2021, reflecting the second year Original Under-recovery Balance surcharge that will take effect on November 1, 2021. The surcharge will apply to the (i) quantities delivered under firm and interruptible transportation rate schedules subject to cash-out (excluding transactions that are not charged a commodity or usage rate nor reduced for fuel retention); (ii) quantities delivered under bundled storage rate schedules GSS, LSS and SS-2; and (iii) measured quantities under OBAs that are subject to cash-out. The second year surcharge is \$0.00070.

Leidy South Project Return to Service (Docket No. CP19-494-000)

On September 10, 2021, the Commission granted Transco's August 26, 2021, request, as supplemented on September 10, 2021, to return to service Unit 1 at Compressor Station 610 which was modified as part of the project. On September 23, 2021, the Commission granted Transco's August 26, 2021, request, as supplemented on September 22, 2021, to return to service Unit 2 at Compressor Station 610, which was modified as part of the project.

Notice of Petition for Rulemaking (Docket No. RM21-18-000)

On June 24, 2021, American Gas Association, American Public Gas Association, American Forest & Paper Association, Industrial Energy Consumers of America, Process Gas Consumers Group, and Natural Gas Supply Association filed a petition requesting that FERC revise its regulations and/or filing procedures for natural gas pipelines regarding the filing of information in native file format. Specifically, Petitioners request that FERC institute a rulemaking to revise its regulations pursuant to 18 CFR 154 for electronic filings of tariffs and related materials, or alternatively, issue an order revising and updating the FERC Implementation Guide for Electronic Tariff Filings (2016), to require the submission of all supporting statements, schedules, and workpapers in native format (e.g. Excel) with all cells, links, and formulas intact when a natural gas pipeline files for a change in rates or charges. The Commission provided Notice of the petition on September 8, 2021, requesting comments by 5:00pm Eastern Time on September 29, 2021.