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In Reply Refer To:

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC,
Big Sandy Pipeline, LLC, Bobcat Gas
Storage, East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC,
Egan Hub Storage, LLC, Maritimes &
Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C., Ozark Gas
Transmission, L.L.C., Saltville Gas Storage
Company L.L.C., Southeast Supply
Header, LLC, Steckman Ridge, LP, and
Texas Eastern Transmission, LP
Docket No. RP15-1171-000

Spectra Energy Partners, LP
5400 Westheimer Court
Houston, TX 77056

Attention: Janice K. Devers

Dear Ms. Devers:

1. On July 31, 2015, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, Big Sandy Pipeline, LLC, Bobcat Gas Storage, East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC, Egan Hub Storage, LLC, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C., Ozark Gas Transmission, L.L.C., Saltville Gas Storage Company L.L.C., Southeast Supply Header, LLC, Steckman Ridge, LP, and Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (collectively, the LINK® Companies) filed a request for temporary waiver of certain NAESB Standards¹, Commission regulations² and certain

¹ Specifically, the LINK® Companies request waiver of North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB), Version 2.0: Standards 1.3.1 through 1.3.80 relating to nominations; Standards 2.3.1 through 2.3.65 relating to flowing gas; Standards 3.3.1 through 3.3.26 relating to invoicing; Standards 4.3.1 through 4.3.102 relating to electronic delivery mechanisms; Standards 5.3.1 through 5.3.72 relating to handling of capacity release transactions; and Standards 10.3.1 through 10.3.27 relating to internet electronic transport.

² Specifically, the LINK® Companies request waiver of section 284.12 of the Commission's regulations, which govern the standards for pipeline business operations and communications.

provisions of the LINK® Companies' FERC Gas Tariffs.³ The LINK® Companies request the waivers to accommodate an approximately six hour outage of the LINK® computer system (LINK® System) required by upcoming system maintenance. The LINK® Companies request that the Commission issue an order on or before August 13, 2015. As discussed below, and for good cause shown, the Commission grants the LINK® Companies' request for waiver.

2. The LINK® Companies state that the required LINK® System maintenance is scheduled to commence on Friday, August 14, 2015, at 11:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT), and that the work will continue for approximately six hours until 5:00 a.m. CDT on Saturday, August 15, 2015. The LINK® Companies state that, during this outage, certain electronic information and communication services will be unavailable to the LINK® Companies' customers. The LINK® Companies state that customers will not be able to view informational postings, submit nominations, engage in capacity release transactions, or perform electronic data interchange transactions via the LINK® System for the duration of the scheduled maintenance. The LINK® Companies further state that they will have employees available via telephone to answer any questions that may arise. In addition, the LINK® Companies state that they will manually enter any nominations received during the outage and commit to posting the hourly chromatograph data required to be posted by certain LINK® Companies after the outage concludes.

3. The LINK® Companies state that they have notified their customers of the upcoming outage via a critical notice posted on the Informational Posting website of each of the LINK® Companies on July 30, 2015. The LINK® Companies further state that they will repost the critical notice on August 6, 2015 and again on August 13, 2015, and that beginning August 3, 2015, visitors to the LINK® System will also be notified of the outage by a "pop-up" window.

4. The LINK® Companies assert that good cause exists to grant the requested temporary waiver because of the importance and necessity to properly maintain the LINK® System. The LINK® Companies state that they will limit the duration of the outage to only that necessary to perform the required LINK® System maintenance, and note that they scheduled the maintenance during an overnight weekend period to minimize the impact on customers. The LINK® Companies further state that the outage

³ The LINK® Companies also seek waiver of any provisions of LINK® Companies' FERC Gas Tariffs that may be necessary, including waivers related to Requesting and Scheduling of Service, Capacity Release and Electronic Bulletin Board as provided in the General Terms and Conditions.

will not affect any of the standard NAESB nomination and capacity release timelines, and claim that granting the waiver is consistent with prior Commission actions in such circumstances.⁴

5. Public notice of the filing was issued on August 3, 2015. Interventions and protests were due by August 5, 2015, as provided in the August 3, 2015 notice issued for FERC Docket No. RP15-1171-000. Pursuant to Rule 214 (18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2015)), 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 existing parties. No protests or adverse comments were filed.

6. For good cause shown, we grant the LINK® Companies' requested waiver of the NAESB standards, Commission regulations and tariff provisions listed above, only as necessary to perform the required maintenance on the LINK® System. We note that the outage will be of relatively short duration and will occur during a period of low customer usage. Moreover, the LINK® Companies have made arrangements to mitigate any disruption in service to their customers during the time of the outage. As discussed above, the maintenance is necessary for the efficient functioning of the LINK® system, and corresponding operation of the LINK® Companies' pipeline systems.

By direction of the Commission

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

⁴ LINK® Companies Transmittal at 3 (citing *Dominion Transmission, Inc., et al.*, 142 FERC ¶ 61,221 (2013); *Equitrans, L.P.*, 138 FERC ¶ 61,119 (2012); *Texas Eastern Transmission, LP*, 116 FERC ¶ 61,152 (2006)).

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