# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of North	)	
Coast Gas Transmission LLC for Approval	)	
of Natural Gas Transportation Service	)	Case No. 15-1997-PL-AEC
Agreements and Amendments to Existing	)	
Natural Gas Transportation Service	)	
Agreements.	)	

#### APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Pursuant to Section 4905.31, Revised Code, North Coast Gas Transmission LLC ("North Coast") respectfully requests approval of an amendment to a previously approved natural gas transportation service agreement. In support of this application, North Coast states as follows:

- 1. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (the "Commission") previously authorized North Coast to operate as an intrastate pipeline company in Case No. 04-265-PL-ATA. As an intrastate pipeline company subject to the Commission's jurisdiction, North Coast owns and operates a series of pipelines in the northern tier of Ohio, including the Toledo-Marion six-inch pipeline, the Buckeye 425 Pipeline, the Buckeye ten-inch Pipeline, the Ashland eight-inch Pipeline, and the Parma Expansion ten-inch Pipeline (collectively, the "NCGT System").
- 2. On December 27, 2006, North Coast entered into a natural gas transportation service agreement with Fostoria Ethanol, LLC d/b/a POET Biorefining-Fostoria ("POET Fostoria"). POET Fostoria owns an ethanol production facility located in Fostoria, Ohio.
- 3. The Commission approved the POET Fostoria Agreement on February 28, 2007 in Case No. 07-0070-PL-AEC.
- 4. On December 4, 2015, North Coast filed a restatement of the POET Fostoria Agreement in PUCO Case No. 15-1997-PL-AEC. This restated agreement was designated as Exhibit D to that application. A motion for protective order seeking confidential treatment of the rates, volumes and shrinkage factor was also filed on December 4, 2015. By Finding and Order

of June 1, 2016 in Case No. 15-1997-PL-AEC, the Commission approved the restated POET

Fostoria Agreement (Exhibit D) and granted the motion for protective order.

5. On June 14, 2017, North Coast and POET Fostoria agreed to amend Exhibit D.

The Amendment to Exhibit D consists of two pages: a letter and a one-page "Exhibit B" which

is attached to the letter and supersedes the "Exhibit B" that was part of Exhibit D which was filed

in December of 2015. A public version of the Amendment to Exhibit D which has the rates,

volumes and shrinkage factors redacted is attached to this application.

6. A motion for protective order to protect the rates, volumes and shrinkage factors

found in the Amendment to Exhibit D is also being filed today. Two copies of an unredacted

Amendment to Exhibit D are also being submitted confidentially under seal.

7. North Coast respectfully submits that the terms and conditions set forth on the

Amendment to Exhibit D are just and reasonable and should be approved.

WHEREFORE, North Coast Gas Transmission LLC respectfully requests that the

Commission approve the Amendment to Exhibit D pursuant to Section 4905.31, Revised Code.

Respectfully submitted,

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# AMENDMENT TO EXHIBIT D

#### NORTH COAST GAS TRANSMISSION, LLC.



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June 8, 2017

Mr. Rob Anderson POET Ethanol Products 3939 North Webb Road Wichita, KS 67226

Dear Rob:

Sincerely,

North Coast Gas Transmission, LLC ("North Coast") and Fostoria Ethanol, LLC d/b/a POET Biorefining – Fostoria ("Shipper") are parties to a Natural Gas Transportation Service Agreement dated August 7, 2014 whereby North Coast transports natural gas for Shipper. The Parties desire to amend the Agreement under the terms as offered below:

1. Exhibit B is deleted in its entirety and is replaced with the attached Exhibit B to this letter agreement.

Should the attached Exhibit B reflect terms acceptable to Fostoria Ethanol, LLC d/b/a POET Biorefining – Fostoria, please execute duplicate originals in the space provided below and return one original to my attention. If this amendment is not executed within 30 days of the date set forth above, the terms of the offer contained in Exhibit B shall expire.

NORTH-COAST GAS TRANSMISSION, LLC.

Surface to this Hamber of June 2017.

FOSTORIA ETHANOL, LLC p/b/a POET BIOREFINING - FOSTORIA

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ITS: General Manager

#### Exhibit B

# North Coast Gas Transmission, LLC

# **Primary Receipt Point**

Interconnection between North Coast and Crossroads Pipeline located in Wood County, OH commonly known as Cygnet.

# Primary Delivery Point(s)

Interconnections between North Coast and the ethanol plant in Seneca County, OH commonly known as Fostoria Ethanol, LLC d/b/a POET Biorefining – Fostoria.

#### Shrinkage

% of Quantities Received at the Receipt Point.

# Maximum Daily Quantity (MDQ)

Dth

#### Rates

Demand Rate:

\$ |\per Dth times MDQ times the number of days in the month

Commodity Rate:

- $\sqrt{5}$  per Dth flowed up to
- \$\ \per Dth in excess of

# Character of Service

Firm Transportation for volumes up 6,500 Dth per day Interruptible Transportation for all volumes above 6,500 Dth per day

#### Term

August 1, 2017 – October 31, 2022

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