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RE: *In the Matter of the Application of North Coast Gas Transmission LLC (North Coast) for Approval of Reasonable Arrangements for Transporting Natural Gas in Case No. 18-1658-PL-AEC.*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendation in regard to the application filed by North Coast seeking approval of reasonable arrangements for transporting gas in Case No. 18-1658-PL-AEC.

David Liphtratt
Chief, Research and Policy Division
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Enclosure
Cc: Parties of Record

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North Coast Gas Transmission LLC
Case No. 18-1658-PL-AEC

On March 30, 2004, the Commission approved tariffs that authorized North Coast Gas Transmission LLC (North Coast or Applicant) to operate as an intrastate pipeline company in Ohio subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. The approved tariffs permitted the rates and terms for transportation services to be individually approved by the Commission pursuant to Section 4905.31, Revised Code.

On November 19, 2018, North Coast filed an application, consistent with those tariffs, for approval of various contracts and/or amendments. On June 14, 2019, North Coast filed a supplement to its application to include an omitted arrangement and to correct Attachments C and D. The applicant requested confidential treatment of rates, volumes, shrinkage factor and proprietary information in its application and supplemental filing. Staff addresses the contracts and/or amendments (Attachments A through E), and the supplemental arrangement below:

- 1.) The Applicant requested multiple amendments to a gas transportation service agreement between North Coast and Orwell Natural Gas Company (Orwell) which was approved by the Commission in Case No 10-2535-PL-AEC. That agreement has been amended multiple times with the last being on May 30, 2018, in Case No. 18-781-PL-AEC. With the November 2018 application (Attachment A), North Coast extended the term of the agreement through March 31, 2019, and provided maximum monthly and daily quantities, a balancing rate and set forth other terms regarding provisions of the balancing service.
- 2.) The Applicant, in its application and supplemental filing, seeks to amend gas transportation service agreements with Dominion East Ohio (Dominion) and Columbia Gas of Ohio (Columbia) that collectively functions to increase deliveries to Parma, Ohio. The original agreements were approved by the Commission in Case No. 09-564-PL-ATR, with subsequent amendments approved by the Commission in Case No. 14-158-PL-AEC. On June 1, 2016, in Case No. 15-1997-PL-AEC, the Commission approved the second set of amendments to Dominion's and Columbia's agreements. With this application (Attachment B) and supplemental filing (Attachment F), Dominion and Columbia entered into a third set of amendments with North Coast which extended the term of the agreements through October 2025, clarified language regarding redelivery to secondary delivery points and amended pricing, other provisions and terms to Exhibit B.
- 3.) The Applicant requested and was approved for an amendment to a gas transportation service agreement with Columbia on October 29, 2008, in Case No. 08-1164-PL-AEC. This agreement, known as the Hinckley Agreement, was for the transportation of gas from Cygnet to five specific delivery points. The Hinckley Agreement was first amended in Case No. 14-158-PL-AEC and approved by the Commission on March 19, 2014. With this application North Coast filed the second set of amendments to the Hinckley Agreement. The second amendment extended the term of the agreement through October 2025, clarified provisions of the agreement and revised the transportation charges. As filed, the attachment for the Hinckley Agreement is Attachment D but is listed as Attachment C in the application.

- 4.) The Applicant requested an amendment to a gas transportation service agreement with Columbia which was approved on March 22, 2017, in Case No. 16-2248-PL-AEC. This agreement, known as the Findley Agreement, is for the transportation of gas from Cygnet to Findley. This is the first amendment to the Findley Agreement in which the term of the agreement was extended through October 2025, certain provisions were clarified and Exhibit B was amended. The amendments are shown on Attachment C but is listed as Attachment D in the application.
- 5.) The Applicant requests approval of gas transportation service with Columbia. In this agreement, known as the Toledo Agreement, North Coast will transport gas from Cygnet to Toledo. The initial term of the agreement was from December 1, 2018, through February 28, 2019, and will renew annually. The agreement as shown on Exhibit B lists the maximum daily quantity (MDQ), shrinkage rate, demand and volumetric transportation charges and primary receipt and delivery points. The Toledo Agreement is shown on Attachment E.

STAFF REVIEW

Staff reviewed the application and the supplemental filing in the above case and finds them to be reasonable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that North Coast's application and supplemental filing containing the proposed amendments and agreements be approved.