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RE: *In the Matter of the Application of North Coast Gas Transmission LLC for Approval of a Natural Gas Transportation Service Agreement Case No. 22-568-PL-AEC.*

Dear Docketing:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendations regarding the application filed by North Coast Gas Transmission LLC for approval of a natural gas transportation service agreement in Case No. 22-568-PL-AEC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Adam Burns'.

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Enclosure
Cc: Parties of Record

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North Coast Gas Transmission LLC
Case No. 22-568-PL-AEC

SUMMARY

On June 6, 2022, North Coast Gas Transmission LLC (North Coast) and Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc. (Knox Energy) entered into a natural gas service agreement for interruptible delivery service. The agreement between North Coast and Knox Energy was entered into on August 5, 2020, with an effective date of August 1, 2020, for occasional transport services as needed. However, North Coast inadvertently failed to submit this agreement to the Commission for approval in 2020 and implemented the agreement with Knox Energy without approval. In its application, North Coast states that no actions were taken under the agreement until July 2021, when Knox Energy submitted its first nomination for gas delivery of 180 Dekatherms. The agreement ended in 2021 and has continued to renew on a month-to-month basis. Since the agreement went to month-to-month, Knox Energy has made additional nominations of 145 Dekatherms in November 2021, 420 Dekatherms in February 2022, and 216 Dekatherms in March 2022. North Coast states in its application, that the total revenue earned from all service was \$320.34, and during this period no complaints or issues have arisen with this agreement. Once North Coast discovered the oversight, it immediately suspended the service on April 26, 2022, after verifying with the transport customer that it had other supply options and would not be harmed by the suspension of the agreement.

North Coast states it has taken steps to implement a new system that will prevent acceptance of a nomination without a PUCO issued case number from the contract's approval request or filing, which should help prevent this error from happening in the future.

Due to the proprietary nature of the agreement, North Coast requests confidential treatment of the transportation rates and volumes. These portions of the Transportation Service Agreement (TSA) have been redacted from the public version.

STAFF REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

Staff reviewed North Coast's Application and finds it to be reasonable and recommends to the Commission the Application be approved.

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Summary: Staff Review and Recommendation regarding the application filed by North Coast Gas Transmission LLC for approval of a natural gas transportation service agreement electronically filed by Zee Molter on behalf of PUCO Staff