# BridgeTex Pipeline Company, LLC ("Carrier") CRUDE PIPELINE SYSTEM Origin: Colorado City, Texas Destination: Houston Gulf Coast Area Pipeline Proration Procedures (Item 150 of Rules and Regulations Tariff)

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During any month when the aggregate volume of Crude Petroleum (as defined below) properly nominated to be transported exceeds the available capacity in the Carrier Facilities (as defined below), the capacity will be allocated among all shippers under the following pipeline proration procedures ("**Procedures**").

#### A. <u>Definitions</u>

"Affiliate" means, for purposes of these Procedures, with respect to any individual, company, entity, organization, joint venture, partnership, or other similar arrangement (any of the foregoing, a "Person"), another Person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with such Person. The term "control" (including the terms "controlled by" or "under common control with") means the possession of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through ownership, by contract, or otherwise (including acting as a general partner of a limited partnership).

"**Base Period**" means the eighteen (18)-month period, beginning nineteen (19) months prior to the month being allocated (which excludes the month preceding the month of allocation).

"**Bpd**" means Barrels per day.

"**Carrier Facilities**" means, collectively, the pipeline and the associated facilities and improvements, whether owned or leased by Carrier, to transport Crude Petroleum from the Origin to the Destination.

"Confirmed Capacity" has the meaning set forth in Section D(4) below.

"**Cooperating Shipper**" means any shipper that (a) is an Affiliate of another shipper, or (b) acts in concert with, pursuant to the direction of, or in coordination with, another shipper, whether written or verbal, or (c) shares with another shipper officers, managers, employees, street addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers, internet protocol addresses, or user information in Carrier's scheduling system.

"Crude Petroleum" has the meaning set forth in the Local Tariff.

"**Daily Contract Volume Commitment**" means the daily volume commitment for a shipper set forth in its TSA.

"Destination" has the meaning set forth in the Local Tariff.

"**Firm Shipper**" means any shipper with a fully-executed TSA for Tier 1 firm pipeline capacity (i.e., pipeline capacity that is only subject to proration in the event of force majeure or other operational disruption).

"**Historical Shipment Status**" means, with respect to an individual shipper, the average of all Shipments (on a Bpd basis) by such shipper during the applicable Base Period, or with respect to the Initial Base Period, as determined pursuant to Section B below.

"Initial Base Period" means the first eighteen (18)-month period beginning the first full month of operations after Carrier has notified all shippers that the Carrier Facilities are ready to commence commercial service with respect to the receipt, transportation and delivery of Crude Petroleum under all tariffs and any applicable TSAs (the "Service Commencement Date"), and ending after the eighteenth (18th) consecutive month of operations following the Service Commencement Date. For the avoidance of doubt, any Crude Petroleum shipped by Carrier prior to the Service Commencement Date shall not be considered a "Shipment" under these Procedures, and no such shipments prior to the Service Commencement Date shall have any impact on the proration of capacity pursuant to these Procedures either before or after the Service Commencement Date.

"Local Tariff" means Carrier's Local Tariff R.C.T. 2.0.0, including any supplements thereto and reissues thereof.

"Minimum Nomination Allocation" has the meaning set forth in Section C(4) below.

"New Shipper" means any shipper that does not qualify as a Firm Shipper or a Regular Shipper.

"Origin" has the meaning set forth in the Local Tariff.

"**Proration Factor**" has the meaning set forth in Section C(5) below.

"**Regular Shipper**" means, subject to the provisions of this Procedure, a shipper that (a) has made a Shipment of Crude Petroleum during at least twelve (12) months of a Base Period (excluding the Initial Base Period plus the first month after the Initial Base Period), or (b) has a fully-executed TSA for Tier 2 non-firm pipeline capacity requiring a minimum volume commitment for shipments on the Carrier Facilities. For the avoidance of doubt, any Crude Petroleum shipped by Carrier prior to the Service Commencement Date shall not be considered a "Shipment" under these Procedures, and months prior to the Service Commencement Date during which a shipper has made a shipment of Crude Petroleum shall not count toward Regular Shipper status and shall not have any impact on the proration of capacity pursuant to these Procedures either before or after the Service Commencement Date or be taken into account in determining a shipper's Historical Shipment Status as of or following the Service Commencement Date.

"**Shipment**" means the transportation of actual volumes of Crude Petroleum through the Carrier Facilities from the Origin to the Destination, as measured on an average Bpd basis (averaged over a calendar month).

"**TSA**" means a transportation services agreement fully executed by both Carrier and an individual shipper and entered into as a result of either the open season Carrier held beginning June, 2012 or the supplemental open season Carrier held beginning July, 2014.

## B. <u>Determination of Historical Shipment Status for Regular Shippers</u>

The following procedures shall govern the determination of a Regular Shipper's Historical Shipment Status.

- 1. The Historical Shipment Status for Regular Shippers shall, during the Initial Base Period, be determined with reference to both the Regular Shipper's Daily Contract Volume Commitment as set forth in such Regular Shipper's TSA, and actual Shipments on an average Bpd basis, as more fully described below.
- 2. For the first and second months of the Initial Base Period, each Regular Shipper's Historical Shipment Status will be deemed to equal such Regular Shipper's Daily Contract Volume Commitment.
- 3. For the third month of the Initial Base Period, each Regular Shipper's Historical Shipment Status will be deemed to equal the average of one (1) month of the Regular Shipper's actual Shipments (i.e., the Regular Shipper's actual Shipments during the first month of the Initial Base Period), and 17 months of such Regular Shipper's Daily Contract Volume Commitment.
- 4. For the each month after the third month during the Initial Base Period and through and including the nineteenth (19th) month after the Service Commencement Date, each Regular Shipper's Historical Shipment Status will equal the average of the actual Shipments for all months after the Service Commencement Date for which Carrier has actual Shipment data, and the Regular Shipper's Daily Contract Volume Commitment for the additional number of months as needed to equal eighteen (18) months of historical Shipments.

For example, if a Regular Shipper's ("**Shipper A**") TSA provides for a Daily Contract Volume Commitment of 50,000 Bpd, then for the first and second months of the Initial Base Period, Shipper A's Historical Shipment Status would be deemed to equal 50,000 Bpd (the average of Shipper A's Daily Contract Volume Commitment of 50,000 Bpd over the 18-month Initial Base Period).

Assuming Shipper A ships 55,000 Bpd during the first month of the Initial Base Period, then for the third month of the Initial Base Period, Shipper A's Historical Shipment Status would be deemed to equal the average of (i) 55,000 Bpd of actual Shipments during the first month of the Initial Base Period, and (ii) 50,000 Bpd of the Daily Contract Volume Commitment for each of the remaining 17 months. As such, Shipper

A's Historical Shipment Status would be the average of (55,000 Bpd for month 1) + (50,000 Bpd for months 2 through 18 of the Initial Base Period), equaling an average of 50,278 Bpd.

- 5. The foregoing procedure would continue for each of the 18 months of the Initial Base Period until the Regular Shipper has established 18 months of actual Shipment history, and also for the first month following the expiration of the Initial Base Period.
- 6. If a Regular Shipper experiences an event of force majeure during any month of the Initial Base Period that prevents it from delivering any Crude Petroleum for Shipment, the Regular Shipper's historical Shipments for such month will be deemed to equal such shipper's Daily Contract Volume Commitment for such month.

# C. <u>Allocation Method</u>

- 1. Capacity will be allocated on a monthly basis.
- 2. These Procedures will be applied to the Carrier Facilities as a single pipeline segment from the Origin to the Destination. For the avoidance of doubt, the Destination includes each delivery point described in the definition thereof, all of which will be treated as a single point for purposes of these Procedures.
- 3. Firm Shipper Capacity:
  - a. Each Firm Shipper will be allocated a volume (on a Bpd basis averaged over the month of allocation) equal to the Daily Contract Volume Commitment as set forth in such Firm Shipper's TSA.
  - b. If a Firm Shipper nominates Crude Petroleum in excess of the above amount, then the excess incremental volume shall be subject to proration under Section C(6) below.
  - c. If a Firm Shipper nominates Crude Petroleum less than its Daily Contract Volume Commitment as set forth in such Firm Shipper's TSA, such nomination will not be subject to prorationing; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if a Firm Shipper is unable to arrange for the delivery of its Crude Petroleum at any nominated individual delivery point within the Destination, then such Firm Shipper's nomination shall be deemed to be reduced by the volume that such Firm Shipper is unable to arrange for at the delivery point.
- 4. New Shipper Capacity:

Each New Shipper will be allocated the volume of its monthly nomination (on a Bpd basis), but in no event more than a maximum of two percent (2%) of the total capacity of the Carrier Facilities (measured on a Bpd basis). If the total allocation

among all New Shippers would exceed ten percent (10%) of the total capacity of the Carrier Facilities (measured on a Bpd basis), then each New Shipper's allocation will be reduced on a pro rata basis (using nominated volumes) so that the allocations to all New Shippers in the aggregate do not exceed 10% of the total capacity of the Carrier Facilities; provided, however, if a New Shipper is unable to arrange for the delivery of its Crude Petroleum at any nominated individual delivery point within the Destination, then such New Shipper's nomination shall be deemed to be reduced by the volume that such New Shipper is unable to arrange for at the delivery point; and provided further, that if such pro rata allocation in a given month results in no New Shipper being allocated the monthly minimum volume set forth in Item 40 of Carrier's applicable Rules and Regulations Tariff (the "Minimum Nomination Allocation"), then Carrier will administer a lottery using a software-generated random number process for the total number of Minimum Nomination Allocations available to New Shippers. Detailed procedures regarding Carrier's lottery process are outlined in Section G below.

- 5. Regular Shipper Capacity:
  - a. All capacity not allocated to Firm Shippers and New Shippers will be allocated to Regular Shippers based on each Regular Shipper's Historical Shipment Status; provided that with respect to allocations of capacity prior to the Service Commencement Date, all capacity not allocated to Firm Shippers and New Shippers will be allocated to Regular Shippers on a pro rata basis each month as any Crude Petroleum shipped by Carrier prior to the Service Commencement Date will not have an impact on the proration of capacity pursuant to these Procedures either before or after the Service Commencement Date.
  - b. For purposes of these Procedures, the "**Proration Factor**" for each Regular Shipper shall be equal to the quotient of (i) the Regular Shipper's Historical Shipment Status at the time of allocation; <u>divided by</u> (ii) the aggregate total of all Regular Shippers' Historical Shipment Statuses at the time of allocation.
  - c. The capacity allocated to each Regular Shipper each month will be equal to the lesser of: (i) its monthly nomination; or (ii) its Proration Factor share of all capacity available to Regular Shippers on the Carrier Facilities for such month; <u>provided, however</u>, that if a Regular Shipper is unable to arrange for the delivery of its Crude Petroleum at any nominated individual delivery point within the Destination, then such Regular Shipper's nomination shall be deemed to be reduced by the volume that such Regular Shipper is unable to arrange for at such delivery point.

## 6. Remaining Capacity:

Any remaining capacity not allocated through the application of subsections 3 through 5 of this Section C will be allocated among all shippers having remaining unmet nominations, in proportion to each such shipper's initial capacity allocation resulting from the application of such subsections 3 through 5 (for the avoidance of doubt notwithstanding the percentage caps set forth in subsection 4 above). If allocation to any shipper pursuant to these Procedures exceeds its remaining nomination, then the excess volume will be allocated among all other remaining nominations (for the avoidance of doubt notwithstanding the percentage caps set forth in subsection 4 above) until the remaining capacity is fully allocated or all of the remaining nominations have been fulfilled.

7. For the avoidance of doubt, no prorationing, allocation or similar practices, policies or procedures of any pipeline or facility operator interconnecting with the Carrier Facilities at any of the delivery points within the Houston Gulf Coast area shall be construed to form a part of or be integrated herein.

# D. <u>Procedural Schedule</u>

- 1. Shipper nominations must be emailed, faxed or submitted via Carrier's COBALT (or successor) system prior to 5:00 p.m. Central Time, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month preceding the month for which the nominations apply; <u>provided, however</u>, to accommodate the administration of the lottery process, New Shipper nominations must be submitted to Carrier prior to 5:00 p.m. Central Time the 13<sup>th</sup> day of the month preceding the month for which the nominations apply. If the 13<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month falls on a weekend or holiday, then nominations are due on the last day that is not a weekend or holiday before the 13<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> day.
- 2. Carrier (directly or through a designated scheduler) will, within two working days after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month preceding the month for which the nominations apply (or such earlier day pursuant to the last sentence of Section D(1) above), reply by email to the shipper with its allocated capacity based on these procedures.
- 3. Each shipper must, within one working day of the email sent by Carrier pursuant to Section D(2), reply by email of its acceptance of the allocated capacity. If a shipper does not notify the Carrier of its acceptance of the allocated capacity within such timeframe, its allocated capacity will be allocated to the other shippers based on these procedures.
- 4. After Carrier completes the steps in Sections D(1) through D(3) above, Carrier (directly or through a designated scheduler) will notify each shipper of its confirmed allocated capacity (the "Confirmed Capacity").

# E. <u>Shipper Obligation</u>

In addition to a shipper's obligation to pay the applicable transportation charges under the Local Tariff, if a shipper does not tender for shipment its Confirmed Capacity during any month in which Carrier's facilities are prorated, the shipper will be invoiced and will be responsible for payment of an amount equal to the product of (a) the difference of shipper's Confirmed Capacity for such month, less any volumes actually shipped by such shipper during such month; <u>multiplied by</u> (b) the then-current tariff rate applicable to the Confirmed Capacity; <u>provided</u>, however, in the event such shipper is a party to a TSA with Carrier at that time, charges under this paragraph shall be without duplication of amounts due under the TSA and shall only apply to the extent they would exceed charges due for such month under the TSA.

## F. <u>Cooperating Shippers</u>

Notwithstanding anything in these Procedures to the contrary:

- 1. Firm Shipper, New Shipper, and Regular Shipper allocations may not be assigned, conveyed, loaned, or transferred to any shipper other than the shipper assigned such allocation by Carrier. However, such allocations may be transferred as an incident of the bona fide sale of all or substantially all of the shipper's business or to a successor to the shipper's business, or by the operation of law (such as by an executor or trustee in bankruptcy).
- 2. No shipper may become a Firm Shipper, New Shipper, or Regular Shipper as a result any sale, transfer, assignment, loan, or other conveyance of Shipment history from another shipper, including without limitation from any Cooperating Shipper. However, Shipment history may be transferred as an incident of the bona fide sale of all or substantially all of the shipper's business or to a successor to the shipper's business, or by the operation of law (such as by an executor or trustee in bankruptcy).
- 3. With respect to nominations by Cooperating Shippers, Carrier shall consider and accept only the nomination of the Cooperating Shipper with the largest volume, and all other nominations of all other Cooperating Shippers shall be deemed to be void and of no force or effect. If one or more Cooperating Shippers' nominations are of equal volume, then Carrier shall consider and accept only the nomination of the Cooperating Shipper with the longest Shipment history.
- 4. Any nominations, Shipments or attempted Shipments made in contravention of the provisions of this Section F shall be disregarded by Carrier for purposes of determining Historical Shipment Status or allocation of capacity under these Procedures (including, but not limited to, through the lottery process described in Section G below).
- 5. A shipper may not create, use or otherwise work with a Cooperating Shipper in order to circumvent these Procedures for the purposes of improperly obtaining additional capacity on the Carrier Facilities, becoming a Regular Shipper,

establishing Historical Shipment Status, obtaining a Minimum Nomination Allocation through the lottery process described in Section G below, or any other improper purposes. Shippers shall have the burden of demonstrating that they are not in violation of this Section F.

### G. <u>Lottery Process</u>

- 1. Carrier will administer a lottery process in order to allocate capacity to New Shippers pursuant to Section C(4) above as follows:
  - a. Carrier will use a software-generated random number process to randomly assign each New Shipper a number from one to the number representing the total number of New Shippers participating in the lottery (i.e. if there are thirty New Shippers, numbers one through thirty will be assigned).
  - b. The New Shipper assigned number one will receive the first Minimum Nomination Allocation. Thereafter, Minimum Nomination Allocations will be assigned to New Shippers sequentially, from the lowest assigned number to the highest assigned number, until the 10% of available capacity referenced in Section C(4) above is fully allocated.
  - c. Following the lottery, Carrier will notify New Shippers as to whether or not they were allocated capacity in that month.

#### H. <u>Storage In Transit (SIT)</u>

1. The reshipment of volume out of Storage In Transit, as referenced in Item 110-Storage In Transit (SIT) in F.E.R.C. No. 1.2.0 or R.C.T. No. 1.2.0, supplements thereto or reissues thereof, to other delivery points within the Destination will be subordinate to all other shipments nominated for the month.