

July 1, 2024

Ms. Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Midwestern Gas Transmission Company
Tariff Volume No. 1
Negotiated Rate Agreement – Eco-Energy Natural Gas FA1574
Docket No. RP24- -000

Dear Ms. Reese:

Pursuant to section 4 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 154 of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission"), Midwestern Gas Transmission Company ("Midwestern") respectfully submits for filing and acceptance the tariff records listed below for inclusion in its FERC Gas Tariff, Volume No. 1 ("Tariff") with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2024.

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Statement of Nature, Reasons, and Basis for Proposed Change

Midwestern submits for filing and acceptance a new negotiated rate transportation service agreement under Rate Schedule FT-A, Agreement No. FA1574, ("Agreement FA1574"). Midwestern requests waiver of the notice requirements in section 154.207 of the Commission's regulations to permit acceptance of the instant filing as further discussed below.

Midwestern's negotiated rate provisions were made pursuant to the Commission's Policy Statement which was issued January 31, 1996. Pursuant to Order 714, Midwestern is filing this negotiated rate agreement as a tariff record. The information set forth in Tariff Volume No. 1 fully discloses the essential conditions involved in the negotiated rate transaction, including a specification of all consideration. Other than the in-service date language discussed

¹ Statement of Policy on Alternatives to Traditional Cost of Services Ratemaking for Natural Gas Pipelines and Regulation of Negotiated Transportation Services of Natural Gas Pipelines, 74 FERC ¶ 61,076 (1996), order on clarification, 74 FERC ¶ 61,194 (1996), order on rehearing, 75 FERC ¶ 61,024 ("Policy Statement").

² Electronic Tariff Filings, 124 FERC ¶ 61,270.

³ *Id*.

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below, the negotiated rate agreement does not deviate in any material respect from the form FT-A service agreement in Midwestern's Tariff.

Agreement FA1574 contains language providing the start date of the service agreement will be the later of July 1, 2024, or the in-service date of the facilities. Section 154.112(b) of the Commission's regulations states that "[c]ontracts for service pursuant to [18 C.F.R. part 284] that deviate in any material aspect from [a pipeline's] form of service agreement must be filed." In *Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.*, the Commission clarified that a material deviation is contractual language that goes beyond the filling-in of the blank spaces in the proforma service agreement and that affects the substantive rights of the parties. The Commission determined that material deviations from the proforma service agreement in a pipeline's applicable tariff fall into two general categories – those that must be prohibited because they present a significant potential for discrimination among shippers and those that can be permitted without substantial risk of discrimination.

To the extent the Commission views the flexible service commencement date language as non-conforming, Midwestern respectfully submits that language described above: (i) does not change the conditions under which service is provided and (ii) does not pose a threat of undue discrimination. The flexible service commencement date language merely relates to the commencement of Midwestern service which depends upon the facilities required to provide such service being constructed and in-service. The Commission has approved similar flexible commencement date language elsewhere.⁷

Materials Enclosed

In accordance with section 154.7 of the Commission's regulations, the following items are included in this filing:

- 1. an eTariff XML filing package containing the proposal in electronic format;
- 2. a transmittal letter in PDF format, which incorporates the Statement of Nature, Reasons and Basis for the filing required by section 154.7(a)(6) of the Commission's regulations;
- 3. Appendix A a clean version of the tariff records and Agreement No. FA1560 in PDF format for publishing in eLibrary; and
- 4. Appendix B a marked version of the tariff records in PDF format for publishing in eLibrary.

⁴ 18 C.F.R. § 154.112(b) (2023).

⁵ *Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.*, 97 FERC ¶ 61,221, at 62,002 (2001).

⁶ *Id.* at 62,003.

⁷ See, e.g., Midwestern Gas Transmission Company, Letter Order, Docket No. RP24-829-000, (June 26, 2024) (approving commencement of service the later of July 1 or project in-service date); ETC Tiger Pipeline, LLC, 133 FERC ¶ 61,187, 61,939 (2010) (approving commencement of service the later of December 1 or project in-service date).

Proposed Effective Date

Pursuant to section 154.7(a)(3) of the Commission's regulations, Midwestern respectfully requests that the tariff records submitted herewith be approved by the Commission effective July 1, 2024. In accordance with section 154.7(a)(9) of the Commission's regulations, Midwestern hereby files a motion to place the proposed tariff records into effect at the end of any suspension period if one is so ordered by the Commission in this proceeding.

Waivers

Agreement FA1574 was executed on June 30, 2024 with an effective date of July 1, 2024. Pursuant to section 154.7(a)(7) of the Commission's regulations, Midwestern respectfully requests a waiver to section 154.207 of the Commission's regulations as the effective date of the agreement is less than 30 days prior to the tariff record's proposed effective date, July 1, 2024. Midwestern has not identified any additional waivers of the Commission's regulations needed to permit its filing to become effective as proposed; however, Midwestern respectfully requests that, should the Commission determine that any such waivers are required, the Commission grant such waivers as are necessary in order that the revised tariff records may be made effective as proposed. No waiver of Midwestern's Tariff is herein requested.

Service and Correspondence

In accordance with section 154.208 of the Commission's regulations, the undersigned certifies that a copy of this filing has been served electronically on Midwestern's shippers and affected state regulatory commissions. A paper copy of this filing may only be served if a shipper has been granted waiver of electronic service pursuant to Part 390 of the Commission's regulations. In addition, a copy of this filing is available for public inspection during regular business hours at Midwestern's office at 100 West Fifth Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103.

It is requested that a copy of all communications, correspondence, and pleadings with respect to this filing be sent to:

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Pursuant to section 385.2005 and section 385.2011(c)(5) of the Commission's regulations, the undersigned has read this filing and knows its contents, and the contents are true as stated, to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned.

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Any questions regarding this filing may be directed to Denise Adams at (918) 732-1408.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Denise Adams

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Attachments

Appendix A Clean Tariff Record

NON-CONFORMING AND NEGOTIATED RATE AGREEMENTS

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eTariff Information

Tariff Submitter: Midwestern Gas Transmission Company FERC Tariff Program Name: FERC NGA Gas Tariff

Tariff Title: Volume No. 1

Tariff Record Proposed Effective Date: July 1, 2024 Tariff Record Title: Eco-Energy Natural Gas FA1574

Option Code: A

Other Information: Part 10.5, version 8.0.0

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MIDWESTERN GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY FIRM TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT Rate Schedule FT-A or FT-GS

THIS AGREEMENT (Agreement No. <u>FA1574</u>) is made and entered into as of <u>June 5</u>, 20<u>24</u>, by and between MIDWESTERN GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY, hereinafter referred to as "Company," and <u>ECO-ENERGY NATURAL GAS, LLC</u>, hereinafter referred to as "Customer." Company and Customer shall be collectively referred to as "Parties."

WITNESSETH:

That, in consideration of their respective covenants and agreements herein contained, Company and Customer agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS

The definitions found in Section 1 of the General Terms and Conditions of Company's FERC Gas Tariff are incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE 2 - TRANSPORTATION

Company agrees to provide firm transportation service pursuant to Rate Schedule FT-A or FT-GS to Customer on a daily basis beginning with Customer's Billing Commencement Date and continuing throughout the term of this Agreement in accordance with the Transportation Quantity and Transportation Path as identified on Exhibit A attached hereto.

ARTICLE 3 - RECEIPT POINT AND DELIVERY POINT

- 3.1 The Receipt Point and Delivery Point defining the Transportation Path shall be those points specified on Exhibit A attached hereto. Customer shall be entitled to Receipt Point and Delivery Point flexibility in accordance with Section 15 of the General Terms and Conditions of Company's FERC Gas Tariff. Priority of transportation service shall be determined in accordance with Section 15 and Subsection 3.7 of the General Terms and Conditions of Company's FERC Gas Tariff.
- 3.2 Customer may request a change to the Receipt Point and/or Delivery Point defining the Transportation Path provided in this Agreement in accordance with Subsection 25.3 of the General Terms and Conditions of Company's FERC Gas Tariff.

ARTICLE 4 - FACILITIES

All facilities are in place to render the service provided for in this Agreement.

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(If facilities are contemplated to be constructed, a brief description of the facilities will be included, as well as who is to construct, own and/or operate such facilities.)

Company is making its existing Hartford Compressor Station bi-directional.

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ARTICLE 5 - QUALITY SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS FOR MEASUREMENTS

For all gas received, transported and delivered hereunder, the Parties agree to the quality specifications and standards for measurement as provided for in the General Terms and Conditions of Company's FERC Gas Tariff. Company shall be responsible for the operation of measurement facilities at the Delivery Point and at the Receipt Point. In the event that measurement facilities are not operated by Company, then the responsibility for operations shall be deemed to be that of the Balancing Party at such point. If measurement facilities are not operated by Company and there is no Balancing Party at such point, then the responsibility for operations shall be deemed to be Customer's.

ARTICLE 6 - RATES FOR SERVICE

- 6.1 Transportation Charge The rates, charges and surcharges for the transportation service provided for herein, including compensation for system fuel use and gas lost and unaccounted for, shall be paid by Customer to Company in accordance with Company's applicable effective Rate Schedule (FT-A or FT-GS) and the General Terms and Conditions of Company's FERC Gas Tariff. Except as provided in this Agreement, Customer shall pay Company the applicable Maximum Rate and all other applicable charges and surcharges specified on the effective Summary of Rates and Charges in Company's FERC Gas Tariff. Company and Customer may agree to a discounted rate pursuant to the provisions of Section 27 of the General Terms and Conditions of Company's FERC Gas Tariff provided that the discounted rate is between the applicable Maximum and Minimum Rates for this service.
- 6.2 Incidental Charges Customer agrees to pay Company for all known and anticipated filing fees, reporting fees or similar charges required to provide the transportation service described herein. Further, Customer agrees to reimburse Company for all such fees within thirty (30) days after receiving proof of payment from Company.
- 6.3 Changes in Tariff Provisions Company shall have the right to file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) any changes in the rates, charges, terms and conditions of its Rate Schedules, the General Terms and Conditions, or form of agreements in Company's FERC Gas Tariff applicable to those Rate Schedules and to make such changes effective at such times as Company desires and is possible under applicable law. Company agrees that Customer may protest any filed changes before the FERC and exercise any other rights it may have with respect thereto.

ARTICLE 7 - RESPONSIBILITY DURING TRANSPORTATION

As between the Parties hereto, it is agreed that from the time gas is delivered by Customer to Company at the Receipt Point(s) and prior to delivery of such gas to or for the account of Customer at the Delivery Point(s), Company shall have the unqualified right to commingle such gas with other gas in its system and shall have the unqualified right to handle and treat such gas as its own.

Without limiting its other responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement, the Customer acknowledges that it is responsible for obtaining and assumes the risk of loss of the following: (1) gas supply, (2) markets and (3) transportation upstream and downstream of the Company's pipeline system. Notwithstanding the loss of one or more of the items enumerated above, Customer shall continue to be liable for payment to the Company of the applicable rates and charges as provided for in this Agreement and Company's FERC Gas Tariff.

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ARTICLE 8 - PAYMENTS

Customer shall make payments to Company under this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and Section 6 of the General Terms and Conditions of Company's FERC Gas Tariff as such Tariff may be revised or replaced from time to time.

ARTICLE 9 - RATE SCHEDULES, GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND EXHIBIT A OF AGREEMENT

Company's Rate Schedules and General Terms and Conditions, which are on file with the FERC and in effect, and Exhibit A hereto are all applicable to this Agreement and are hereby incorporated by reference and made part of this Agreement. To the extent a term or condition set forth in this Agreement is inconsistent with the General Terms and Conditions, the General Terms and Conditions shall govern. Furthermore, to the extent a term or condition set forth in this Agreement is inconsistent with the applicable Rate Schedule, the Rate Schedule shall govern unless the relevant provision is inconsistent with General Terms and Conditions.

ARTICLE 10 - REGULATION

- 10.1 This Agreement shall be subject to all applicable and lawful United States governmental statutes, orders, rules and regulations of duly constituted authorities having jurisdiction and is contingent upon the receipt and continuation of all necessary regulatory approvals or authorization upon terms acceptable to Company. This Agreement shall be void and of no force and effect if any necessary regulatory approval or authorization is not so obtained or continued
 - All Parties hereto shall cooperate to obtain or continue all necessary approvals or authorizations, but no Party shall be liable to any other Party for failure to obtain or continue such approvals or authorizations.
- 10.2 In the event the Parties are unable to obtain all necessary and satisfactory regulatory approvals for service on facilities prior to the expiration of two (2) years from the effective date hereof, then, prior to receipt of such regulatory approvals, either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving the other Party at least thirty (30) days prior written notice, and the respective obligations hereunder, except for the provisions of Article 6.2 herein, shall be of no force and effect from and after the effective date of such termination.

ARTICLE 11 - WARRANTIES

Customer agrees to indemnify and hold Company harmless from all suits, actions, debts, accounts, damages, costs, losses and expenses (including reasonable attorneys fees) arising from or out of breach of any warranty, express or implied, by Customer herein. Company shall not be obligated to provide or continue service hereunder in the event of any breach of warranty by Customer.

ARTICLE 12 - TERM OF AGREEMENT

12.1 This Agreement shall become effective upon its execution and shall, under all circumstances, continue in effect in accordance with Company's FERC Gas Tariff after the Billing Commencement Date as set forth in Exhibit A or through June 30, 2035. If the primary term of this Agreement shall be one year or more, then this Agreement shall continue in effect thereafter until extended or terminated in accordance with Sections 16 or 17 of the General Terms and Conditions of Company's

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FERC Gas Tariff. Service rendered pursuant to this Agreement shall be abandoned upon termination of this Agreement.

- 12.2 Termination of this Agreement shall not relieve Company and Customer of the obligation to resolve or cash-out any imbalances hereunder, or Customer of its obligation hereunder to Company and shall be in addition to any other remedies that Company may have.
- 12.3 In addition to any other remedy Company may have, this Agreement will terminate automatically in the event Customer fails to pay the entire amount of any invoice for service rendered by Company hereunder when that amount is due, provided Company shall give Customer thirty days' notice prior to any termination of service. Service may continue hereunder if within the thirty day notice period satisfactory assurance of payment is made in accordance with the terms and conditions of Section 6 of the General Terms and Conditions of Company's FERC Tariff.

ARTICLE 13 - NOTICES

Any notice, request, demand, statement, or invoice provided for in this Agreement or any notice that either Party may desire to give to the other shall be in accordance with Subsection 11.1 of the General Terms and Conditions of Company's FERC Gas Tariff.

ARTICLE 14 - SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

- 14.1 Either Party may assign or pledge this Agreement and all rights and obligations hereunder under the provisions of any mortgage, deed of trust, indenture, or other instrument that it has executed or may execute hereafter as security for indebtedness. Either Party, without relieving itself of its obligations under this Agreement, may assign any of its rights hereunder to a company with which it is affiliated, subject to any required regulatory approvals. Otherwise, Customer shall not assign this Agreement or any of its rights and obligations hereunder, except in accordance with Section 21 of the General Terms and Conditions of Company's FERC Gas Tariff.
- 14.2 Any person or entity that succeeds by purchase, merger, or consolidation to the properties, substantially or as an entirety, of either Party hereto shall be entitled to the rights and shall be subject to the obligations of its predecessor in interest under this Agreement. Customer and any such successor must obtain any required regulatory approvals to make such assignment or transfer.

ARTICLE 15 - GENERAL

- 15.1 Except for changes specifically authorized pursuant to this Agreement, no modification of or supplement to the terms and conditions hereof shall be or become effective until Customer has submitted a request for change and Customer has been notified of Company's agreement to such change.
- 15.2 No waiver by any Party of any one or more defaults by the other in the performance of any provision of this Agreement shall operate or be construed as a waiver of any future default or defaults, whether of a like or of a different character.
- 15.3 The interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be in accordance with and controlled by the laws of the State of Oklahoma, without regard to Choice of Law doctrine that refers to the laws of another jurisdiction.
- 15.4 If any provision of this Agreement is declared null and void, or voidable, by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that provision will be considered severable at Company's option; and if the

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severability option is exercised, the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 16 - OTHER PROVISIONS

(If none so state) None	

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the date first hereinabove written.

MIDWESTERN GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY

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Title: Senior Vice President, Natural Gas Pipelines

ECO-ENERGY NATURAL GAS, LLC (NAME OF CUSTOMER)

Title: VICE PLESION

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MIDWESTERN GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY EXHIBIT A TO FIRM TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT Rate Schedule FT-A or FT-GS

COMPANY: Midwestern Gas 1	ransmission Company
COMPANY'S ADDRESS:	ONEOK Plaza 100 West 5th Street Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103
CUSTOMER: Eco-Energy Natu	ral Gas, LLC
CUSTOMER'S ADDRESS:	6100 Tower Circle Suite 500 Franklin, Tennessee 37067
Right of First Refusal: Yes 🛛 N	No 🗌
Transportation Quantity: 3/ 20,0 Transportation Path: Receipt Point: Millsda	00 Dth/day ale Delivery Point: Portland
Recourse Rate: Maximum Rate	1/ 🗌
Contract: Discounted Discounted Point: Receipt Point Delivery Point Point to Point: Receipt Zone: Receipt Point Relationship: Rate Component:	ate End Date I Monthly Reservation Rate per Dth I Daily Commodity Rate per Dth t to Delivery Point to Delivery Point
The negotiated daily demand ra maximum daily demand rate. The	\$\frac{\\$2.7375}{\$}\$ (\$\Dth)\$ (attach explanation of rate) ate shall be the higher of (i) \$0.09\Dth or (ii) Company's FERC Gas Tariff the commodity rate is the applicable maximum FERC Gas Tariff rate. \$\times\$ LMSCRA Applicable
This Exhibit A is made and enter	red into as of <u>June 5</u> , 20 <u>24</u> .
Billing Commencement Date of the Facilities.	this Exhibit A is the later of (i) July 1, 2024, or (ii) the in-service date of
(This Exhibit A supersedes and c	ancels Exhibit A dated $\underline{N/A}$ to the Firm Transportation Agreement dated $\underline{N/A}$.)
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