

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20426

OFFICE OF ENERGY MARKET REGULATION

Viking Gas Transmission Company
Docket No. RP24-981-000

Issued: September 12, 2024

On August 19, 2024, Viking Gas Transmission Company filed a tariff record¹ to reflect updates to its Statement of Rates. Waiver of the Commission's 30-day notice requirement is granted. Pursuant to authority delegated to the Director, Division of Pipeline Regulation, under 18 C.F.R. § 375.307, the tariff record is accepted, effective April 1, 2024, as requested.

The filing was publicly noticed. No protests or adverse comments were filed. Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's regulations (18 C.F.R. § 385.214), notices of intervention, timely-filed motions to intervene, and any unopposed motions to intervene out-of-time filed before the issuance date of this order are granted.

This action shall not be construed as a waiver of the requirements of section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, as amended; nor shall it be construed as constituting approval of the referenced filing or of any rate, charge, classification, or any rule, regulation, or practice affecting such rate or service contained in the applicant's tariff; nor shall such acceptance be deemed as recognition of any claimed contractual right or obligation associated therewith; and such acceptance is without prejudice to any findings or orders which have been or may hereafter be made by the Commission in any proceeding now pending or hereafter instituted by or against the applicant.

This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.713.

Issued by: Marsha K. Palazzi, Director, Division of Pipeline Regulation

¹ Viking Gas Transmission Company, Viking - FERC Gas Tariff, [Part 5.0, Statement of Rates \(62.0.0\)](#).

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August 19, 2024

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

Re: Viking Gas Transmission Company
Update to Statement of Rates – Consolidation Filing
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”),¹ Viking Gas Transmission Company (“Viking”) respectfully submits for filing and acceptance the tariff record listed below for inclusion in its FERC Gas Tariff, Volume No. 1 (“Tariff”). The proposed tariff record is submitted to become effective April 1, 2024:

Part 5.0, Statement of Rates, v. 62.0.0

Statement of Nature, Reasons, and Basis for Proposed Rate Change

Viking in the instant filing proposes to update its Part 5.0, Statement of Rates, consolidating two tariff record versions of Part 5.0 submitted previously with the Commission. As further described below, Viking’s compliance filing required in rate case Docket No. RP23-917-006 results in two Part 5.0 versions which each include approved and currently effective rates. This filing consolidates the two filed tariff record versions such that effective April 1, 2024, all rates as previously approved by the Commission are reflected.

On March 25, 2024, in Docket No. RP24-563-000 (“Updates Filing”), Viking filed an update to Part 5.0 version 60.0.0 to consolidate the proposed and previously approved rates under Dockets No. RP24-416-000 and RP23-917-005, respectively.² The Commission accepted Part 5.0 version 60.0.0 on April 18, 2024, to be effective April 1, 2024.

¹ 15 U.S.C. § 717; 18 C.F.R. Part 154.

² On February 22, 2024, Viking filed in Docket No. RP24-416-000, its annual adjustment to its Electric Power Cost Recovery Adjustment surcharge in accordance with Part 8, Section 36 of the General Terms and Conditions of Viking’s Tariff (“EPCRA Filing”), updating the Part 5.0, Statement of Rates with version 59.0.0, superseding

On July 31, 2024, the Commission issued a Letter Order (“Order”) approving Viking’s Stipulation and Settlement Offer (“Settlement”) and associated tariff records under its Section 4 Rate Case in Docket No. RP23-917-006 and directed Viking “file actual tariff records, consistent with the Settlement terms.”³ On August 19, 2024, in Docket No. RP24-979-000 Viking filed its Compliance Filing to Implement Settlement Tariff Records (“Settlement Rates”) in accordance with the Order, updating Part 5.0 version 61.0.0, superseding version 60.0.0. This filing is pending Commission approval and is proposed to be effective February 1, 2024.

The tariff records approved as part of the Settlement must supersede any tariff record filed as an interim rate. The Part 5.0 version 60.0.0 in the Updates Filing implemented certain rates with an effective date after the effective date of the Settlement Rates (“Interim Rates”), and those Interim Rates remain currently effective. Accordingly, Viking is making the instant filing to update the Tariff record such that Part 5.0 version 62.0.0 incorporates the Settlement Rates in Docket No. RP24-979-000 Part 5.0 version 61.0.0 to be effective February 1, 2024, and the Part 5.0 version 60.0.0 Interim Rates in Docket No. RP24-563-000, to be effective April 1, 2024.

With Commission approval, the proposed tariff record included herein is intended to supersede the Settlement Rates filing and is drafted with the assumption that the Settlement Rates filing will be approved prior to, or coincident with, the Commission’s approval of the instant filing. With this understanding, Viking respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed tariff record set forth herein. However, in the event the Commission does not issue or has not yet issued an affirmative order in Docket No. RP24-979-000 regarding the Settlement Rates filing, Viking will submit a filing at that time to reflect any necessary changes to the proposed tariff record tendered herein.

Materials Enclosed

In accordance with section 154.4 of the Commission’s Regulations, Viking states that 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 in PDF format for publishing in eLibrary; and

version 58.0.0. This filing was approved by the Commission on March 26, 2024, to be effective April 1, 2024. On February 29, 2024, in Docket No. RP23-917-005, Viking filed an *Unopposed Motion to Place Settlement Rates into Effect on an Interim Basis* updating Part 5.0, Statement of Rates, with version 56.1.1 superseding version 56.0.0. The Commission accepted the Settlement interim rates on March 1, 2024, to be effective February 1, 2024.

³ *Viking Gas Transmission Co.*, 188 FERC ¶ 61,093 (2024).

4. Appendix B – a marked version of the tariff records in PDF format for publishing in eLibrary.

Proposed Effective

Pursuant to section 154.7(a)(3) of the Commission's regulations, Viking respectfully requests that the tariff record submitted herewith be approved effective April 1, 2024. In accordance with section 154.7(a)(9) of the Commission's regulations, Viking hereby moves to place the proposed Tariff section into effect at the end of any suspension period if one is so ordered by the Commission.

Waivers

Pursuant to section 154.7(a)(7) of the Commission's regulations, Viking respectfully requests that the Commission grant a waiver to its 30-day notice requirement found in section 154.207 of the Commission's regulations. Viking additionally requests a shortened comment period. Viking proposes the requested waiver and shortened comment period because proposed version 62.0.0 of Viking's Part 5.0, Statement of Rates incorporates rates already accepted by the Commission, as more fully described above, and proposes no new changes to the Tariff record.

Viking has not identified any additional waivers of the Commission's Regulations needed to permit its filing to become effective as proposed; however, Viking 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 sheets may be made effective as proposed. No waiver of Viking'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 Viking's customers and affected state regulatory commissions. A paper copy of this filing may only be served if a customer 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 Viking's office at 100 West Fifth Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103.

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.

Viking respectfully requests that all Commission orders and correspondence, as well as pleadings and correspondence from other persons, concerning this filing be served upon:

Ms. Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary

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Questions pertaining to this filing may be directed to any of the individuals listed above.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Denise Adams

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Attachments

Appendix A

Clean Tariff Records

STATEMENT OF RATES
 (Rates Per Dekatherm)

Currently Effective Term-Differentiated Rates

Rate Schedule	Base Tariff Rate
Category 1 (Contract Term of Less than 3 Years)	
Monthly Reservation Rates	
FT-A	
Zone 1-1 Maximum Rate	\$6.0888
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
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Zone 1-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$3.5344
Zone 2-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Category 2 (Contract Term of 3 Years to less than 5 Years)	
Monthly Reservation Rates	
FT-A	
Zone 1-1 Maximum Rate	\$5.8544
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 1-2 Maximum Rate	\$7.7142
Zone 1-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$3.4324
Zone 2-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Category 3 (Contract Term of 5 or more Years)	
Monthly Reservation Rates	
FT-A	
Zone 1-1 Maximum Rate	\$5.6200
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 1-2 Maximum Rate	\$7.3778
Zone 1-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$3.3304
Zone 2-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000

1/ Throughout Viking's Statement of Rates and Tariff, "Zone 1-2" shall mean Transportation Service for quantities received in Zone 1 and delivered in Zone 2 or received in Zone 2 and delivered in Zone 1 whether by transport, exchange, or Displacement.

Rate Schedule	Base Tariff Rate
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FT-A	
Zone 1-1 Maximum Rate	\$0.2002
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 1-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.2647
Zone 1-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.1162
Zone 2-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
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Zone 1-1 Maximum Rate	\$0.1925
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 1-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.2536
Zone 1-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.1128
Zone 2-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
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FT-A	
Zone 1-1 Maximum Rate	\$0.1848
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 1-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.2426
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Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.1095
Zone 2-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000

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Commodity Rates 1/			
FT-A – Maximum Rates			
Zone 1-1	\$0.0142	\$0.0373	0.58%
Zone 1-2	\$0.0142	\$0.0373	0.75%
Zone 2-2	\$0.0142	\$0.0373	0.17%
Minimum Rate	\$0.0142		
IT and AOT			
Zone 1-1	\$0.2144	\$0.0373	0.58%
Zone 1-2	\$0.2789	\$0.0373	0.75%
Zone 2-2	\$0.1304	\$0.0373	0.17%
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- 1/ Pursuant to Section 19 of the General Terms and Conditions, the maximum and minimum commodity rates shall be increased to include the Commission-authorized Annual Charge Adjustment unit rate as published on the Commission's Web Site located at <http://www.ferc.gov>.
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LMS – Monthly Demand Rate	\$1.0000		\$1.0000
LMS – Daily Overrun Rate	\$0.2789		\$0.2789
LMS – Load Management Cost Reconciliation Adjustment		\$0.0634	

- 1/ Pursuant to Section 27 of the General Terms and Conditions of this Tariff, a mechanism is established to reconcile through surcharges or credits to the Rate Schedule LMS rate, as appropriate, differences between the cost to maintain Company's line pack gas and the amounts Company receives or pays for such gas arising out of the purchase and sale of such gas.

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NPL, OPL, and APL Service:		
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