

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20426

OFFICE OF ENERGY MARKET REGULATION

Viking Gas Transmission Company
Docket No. RP23-917-003

Issued: February 23, 2024

On January 31, 2024, Viking Gas Transmission Company (Viking) filed a tariff record¹ to motion into effect the rates that were accepted and suspended in the Commission's August 31, 2023 Order in Docket No. RP23-917-000 (August 31 Order).² Viking states that the purpose of the filing is to place into effect the tariff record suspended in the August 31 Order, as adjusted (i) to include test period billing determinants that became effective by December 31, 2023, the end of the test period, and (ii) to eliminate the costs associated with facilities that were not placed in service by December 31, 2023. Pursuant to authority delegated to the Director, Division of Pipeline Regulation, under 18 C.F.R. ¶ 375.307, the tariff record is accepted, effective February 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

¹ Viking Gas Transmission Company, Viking - FERC Gas Tariff, [Part 5.0, Statement of Rates \(56.0.0\)](#).

² *Viking Gas Transmission Co.*, 184 FERC ¶ 61,135 (2023).

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18 C.F.R. § 385.713.

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

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January 31, 2024

The Honorable Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A
Washington, D.C. 20426-0001

**Re: Viking Gas Transmission Company
Docket No. RP23-917-_____
Motion to Place Suspended Tariff Record into Effect**

Dear Ms. Reese,

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act (“NGA”)¹ and Part 154 of the Regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC” or “Commission”),² Viking Gas Transmission Company (“Viking”) hereby submits for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff Volume No. 1 (“Tariff”), the following revised tariff record, to place into effect Viking’s proposed rate changes to its jurisdictional transportation services (“Motion Rates”), which the Commission accepted, subject to refund and the outcome of hearing procedures and suspended them to be effective upon motion February 1, 2024.³

Part 5.0, GT&C – Statement of Rates, v. 56.0.0

Contemporaneous with this motion, Viking is filing a motion to defer the effective date of other suspended tariff revisions submitted in the above-captioned proceeding, including proposed revisions to its Rate Schedule LMS and GT&C section 29.3.

Statement of Nature, Reasons and Basis

On July 28, 2023, Viking filed a general rate case⁴ pursuant to section 4 of the NGA and Part 154 of the Commission’s regulations (“July 28 Filing”). As part of its rate case, Viking filed a general rate increase applicable to Viking’s jurisdictional transportation services designed to recover Viking’s jurisdictional cost of service based on jurisdictional test period billing determinants. Viking requested an effective date of September 1, 2023 for the Motion Rates. In the August 31 Order, the Commission accepted and suspended the revised tariff records for

¹ 15 U.S.C. § 717c.

² 18 C.F.R. part 154.

³ *Viking Gas Transmission Co.*, 184 FERC ¶ 61,135 (2023) (“August 31 Order”).

⁴ *Viking Gas Transmission Co.*, NGA Section 4 Rate Case, Docket No. RP23-917-000 (filed July 28, 2023) (“July 28 Filing”).

five months, to be effective upon motion February 1, 2024, subject to refund and the outcome of a hearing.⁵

The purpose of this filing is to place into effect on February 1, 2024, the above-listed tariff record suspended in the August 31 Order, including adjustments to test period billing determinants that became effective by December 31, 2023, the end of the test period. The suspended rates, as revised, are contained in the revised tariff records.⁶

Motion to Place Revised Tariff Sheets into Effect

Pursuant to Section 4(e) of the NGA, Viking hereby moves to place into effect on February 1, 2024, the above-listed revised tariff record. The suspended tariff record, Statement of Rates v. 52.0.0, from the July 28 Filing is now moot; therefore, Viking requests that the record be cancelled.

In compliance with section 154.303(c)(2) of the Commission's regulations, Viking in this filing has removed costs associated with facilities not in service as of December 31, 2023. Viking also has adjusted for incremental facility retirements and transfers that occurred as of December 31, 2023. Thus, as set forth in Appendix C, the costs underlying the rates submitted herein are based on the actual cost of gas plant in service as of December 31, 2023.⁷ In addition, Viking has made corresponding adjustments to its accumulated reserve for depreciation, accumulated deferred income taxes, depreciation, amortization and net negative salvage expense, return, and income taxes.

Related Filing

Although Viking is hereby moving to place its Motion Rates into effect on February 1, 2024, consistent with its July 28 Filing, Viking is filing contemporaneously under separate cover to defer the effective date of the proposed tariff revisions to its Rate Schedule LMS and new GT&C section 29.3 beyond February 1, 2024, to be effective upon a motion filing to place the records into effect at such later date as submitted. The purpose of the deferral is to further settlement discussions in this proceeding relating to those revisions. However, if this matter cannot be resolved through settlement, Viking reserves the right to place the revised tariff sections into effect earlier as stated in that filing.

⁵ August 31 Order at P 2.

⁶ Since Viking submitted the July 28 Filing, the Commission has accepted revisions to Viking's Statement of Rates in Docket Nos. RP23-991-000 and RP23-1080-000. These accepted revisions are reflected on the Statement of Rates v. 56.0.0 in clean.

⁷ The instant filing reflects, where available, the actual cost of net gas plant as of December 31, 2023. Viking has also included small accruals for plant placed in service as of December 31, 2023.

List of 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 record in PDF format for publishing in eLibrary;
- (4) Appendix B – a marked version of the tariff record in PDF format for publishing in eLibrary; and
- (5) Appendix C – workpapers that support the cost of service underlying the rates proposed herein in PDF format for publishing in eLibrary.

Waivers

Viking has not identified any 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 records may be made effective as proposed.

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:

Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary

January 31, 2024

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David E. Keglovits

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Attachments

Appendix A

Clean Tariff Record

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	\$7.4132
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 1-2 Maximum Rate 1/	\$9.7174
Zone 1-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$4.4132
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	\$7.1679
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 1-2 Maximum Rate	\$9.3653
Zone 1-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$4.3064
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	\$6.9226
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 1-2 Maximum Rate	\$9.0132
Zone 1-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$4.1996
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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Category 1 (Contract Term of Less than 3 Years)	
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Daily Reservation Rates	
FT-A	
Zone 1-1 Maximum Rate	\$0.2437
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 1-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.3195
Zone 1-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.1451
Zone 2-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
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Category 2 (Contract Term of 3 Years to less than 5 Years)	
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Daily Reservation Rates	
FT-A	
Zone 1-1 Maximum Rate	\$0.2357
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 1-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.3079
Zone 1-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.1416
Zone 2-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
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Category 3 (Contract Term of 5 or more Years)	
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Daily Reservation Rates	
FT-A	
Zone 1-1 Maximum Rate	\$0.2276
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 1-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.2963
Zone 1-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.1381
Zone 2-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000

Rate Schedule	Base Tariff Rate	Electric Power Cost Recovery Adjustment 2/	Fuel and Loss Retention Percentages 3/
Commodity Rates 1/			
FT-A – Maximum Rates			
Zone 1-1	\$0.0152	\$0.0344	0.13%
Zone 1-2	\$0.0152	\$0.0344	0.14%
Zone 2-2	\$0.0152	\$0.0344	0.01%
Minimum Rate	\$0.0152		
IT and AOT			
Zone 1-1	\$0.2589	\$0.0344	0.13%
Zone 1-2	\$0.3347	\$0.0344	0.14%
Zone 2-2	\$0.1603	\$0.0344	0.01%
Minimum Rate	\$0.0152		

- 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>.
- 2/ The Electric Power Cost Recovery Adjustment shall be applicable to all transportation rate schedules.
- 3/ The Fuel and Loss Retention Percentages shall be applicable to all transportation rate schedules and includes the following Gas Lost and Unaccounted For Percentages: 0.00% for Zone 1-1, 0.00% for Zone 1-2, and 0.00% for Zone 2-2. Transportation entirely by Displacement will incur only the Gas Lost and Unaccounted For Percentages.

Rate Schedule	Base Tariff Rate	Adjustment Under Section 27 1/	Rate After Current Adjustment
LMS – Monthly Demand Rate	\$1.0000		\$1.0000
LMS – Daily Overrun Rate	\$0.3347		\$0.3347
LMS – Load Management Cost Reconciliation Adjustment		\$0.0390	

- 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.

Rate Schedule	Maximum Rate Per Dekatherm	Minimum Rate Per Dekatherm
PAL		
NPL, OPL, and APL Service:		
Daily Commodity Rate	\$0.3347	\$0.0000
RPL Service:		
Daily Reservation Rate	\$0.3347	\$0.0000

Appendix B

Marked Tariff Record

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	\$3.91067.4132
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 1-2 Maximum Rate 1/	\$4.90809.7174
Zone 1-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$2.61184.4132
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	\$3.85837.1679
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 1-2 Maximum Rate	\$4.83309.3653
Zone 1-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$2.58904.3064
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	\$3.80606.9226
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 1-2 Maximum Rate	\$4.75809.0132
Zone 1-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$2.56624.1996
Zone 2-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000

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Rate Schedule	Base Tariff Rate
<u>Category 1 (Contract Term of Less than 3 Years)</u>	
Daily Reservation Rates	
FT-A	
Zone 1-1 Maximum Rate	\$0.12860 .2437
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 1-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.16140 .3195
Zone 1-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.08590 .1451
Zone 2-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
<u>Category 2 (Contract Term of 3 Years to less than 5 Years)</u>	
Daily Reservation Rates	
FT-A	
Zone 1-1 Maximum Rate	\$0.12680 .2357
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 1-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.15890 .3079
Zone 1-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.08510 .1416
Zone 2-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
<u>Category 3 (Contract Term of 5 or more Years)</u>	
Daily Reservation Rates	
FT-A	
Zone 1-1 Maximum Rate	\$0.12510 .2276
Zone 1-1 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 1-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.15640 .2963
Zone 1-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000
Zone 2-2 Maximum Rate	\$0.08440 .1381
Zone 2-2 Minimum Rate	\$0.0000

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FT-A – Maximum Rates			
Zone 1-1	\$0.01360.0152	\$0.0344	0.13%
Zone 1-2	\$0.01360.0152	\$0.0344	0.14%
Zone 2-2	\$0.01360.0152	\$0.0344	0.01%
Minimum Rate	\$0.01360.0152		
IT and AOT			
Zone 1-1	\$0.14220.2589	\$0.0344	0.13%
Zone 1-2	\$0.17500.3347	\$0.0344	0.14%
Zone 2-2	\$0.09950.1603	\$0.0344	0.01%
Minimum Rate	\$0.01360.0152		

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Rate Schedule	Base Tariff Rate	Adjustment Under Section 27 1/	Rate After Current Adjustment
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LMS – Daily Overrun Rate	\$0.17500.3347		\$0.17500.3347
LMS – Load Management Cost Reconciliation Adjustment		\$0.0390	

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Rate Schedule	Maximum Rate Per Dekatherm	Minimum Rate Per Dekatherm
PAL		
NPL, OPL, and APL Service:		
Daily Commodity Rate	\$0.17500.3347	\$0.0000
RPL Service:		
Daily Reservation Rate	\$0.17500.3347	\$0.0000

Appendix C

VIKING GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY
 COST OF SERVICE - Adjusted for Actual Net Plant as of December 31, 2023
 12 Months Ended December 31, 2023, As Adjusted

Rate Base -

Test Period Rate Base, As Filed		\$ 216,368,642
Gas Plant in Service, As Filed	\$ 398,451,850	
Gas Plant in Service, As Adjusted	<u>403,087,191</u>	
Adjustment for Projected Plant Additions, not in service at December 31, 2023		4,635,341
Accumulated Provision for Depreciation and Amortization of Gas Utility Plant		
As Filed	(161,488,165)	
As Adjusted	<u>(162,431,522)</u>	
Adjustment to Actual Accumulated Provision at December 31, 2023		(943,357)
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes (ADIT)		
As Filed	(13,276,755)	
As Adjusted	<u>(13,785,317)</u>	
Adjustment to Actual ADIT Balance at December 31, 2023		<u>(508,562)</u>
Test Period Rate Base, As Adjusted		<u>\$ 219,552,064</u>

Cost of Service -

Test Period Cost of Service, As Filed		\$ 69,376,324
Return, As Filed	\$ 23,281,266	
Return, As Adjusted	<u>23,623,802</u>	
Adjustment to Test Period Return		342,536
Depreciation, Amortization and Net Negative Salvage , As Filed	\$ 16,811,204	
Depreciation, Amortization and Net Negative Salvage , As Adjusted	<u>17,929,410</u>	
Adjustment to Test Period Return		1,118,206
Federal and State Income Tax, As Filed	6,126,084	
Federal and State Income Tax, As Adjusted	<u>6,217,696</u>	
Adjustment to Test Period Federal and State Income Tax		<u>91,612</u>
Test Period Cost of Service, As Adjusted		<u>\$ 70,928,678</u>