

In support hereof, Northern shows as follows:

I

GENERAL

The exact legal name of applicant is Northern Natural Gas Company. Northern is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Delaware, having its principal office located at 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000.

Northern is a “natural gas company” within the meaning of the Natural Gas Act and, pursuant to Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the Commission, is engaged in the purchase, transportation, and sale of natural gas in interstate commerce. Northern is authorized to do, and is doing, business in the states of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, South Dakota, and Louisiana.

II

BACKGROUND

Section 7 of the TF Rate Schedule on Fifth Revised Sheet No. 114 states:

“The minimum level of Total Aggregate MDQ applicable to a TF Agreement under this Rate Schedule shall be 50 MMBtu per day.”

Effective March 1, 2010, Black Hills Energy is selling its Elkhorn, Nebraska gas distribution assets to MUD as part of the annexation of the city of Elkhorn, Nebraska by the city of Omaha, Nebraska. As a result, Black Hills permanently released 16 MMBtu per day of winter entitlement and 13 MMBtu of summer entitlement that serves the Elkhorn area to MUD on February 24, 2010. As a result, MUD will have a TF agreement that will have less than the tariff-required 50 MMBtu per day effective on March 1, 2010 through October 31, 2013.

III**AUTHORIZATION REQUESTED**

By this petition, Northern specifically requests a waiver of its Tariff as necessary to allow MUD to have an agreement with less than the minimum amount required under the TF Rate Schedule.

IV**JUSTIFICATION FOR WAIVER**

Granting of the waiver will allow MUD to acquire entitlement associated with the annexation of Elkhorn, Nebraska which was formerly held on a Black Hills agreement. No party will be harmed by approval of the waiver.

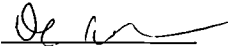
V**CONCLUSION**

For the reasons set forth herein, Northern respectfully requests that the Commission grant a limited waiver of Northern's Tariff, as well as any other authorizations deemed necessary, to permit MUD, to have an agreement with less than 50 MMBtu per day of entitlement. Granting of the waiver will not impact service to other transportation or storage customers in any way.

WHEREFORE, Northern requests waiver of the applicable provisions of Northern's
Tariff in accordance with this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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