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Re: Bison Pipeline LLC
Annual Charge Adjustment Compliance Filing
Docket No. RP13-_____ - _____

Dear Ms. Bose:

Pursuant to Section 154.402 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("FERC or "Commission") regulations,¹ Bison Pipeline LLC ("Bison") hereby submits for filing the tariff sections listed in Appendix A to be part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1 ("Tariff").² The purpose of the filing is to comply with new FERC regulations regarding Commission-assessed annual charges recovered through an annual charge adjustment ("ACA") clause. Bison requests that the Commission accept these revised tariff sections to become effective October 1, 2013.

Correspondence

The names, titles, and mailing addresses of the persons to whom correspondence and communications concerning this filing should be directed are as follows:

¹ 18 C.F.R. Part 154 (2013).

² Specifically, Part 4.3 – Statement of Rates, Annual Charge Adjustment (ACA) ("Section 4.3") and Part 6.16 – GT&C, FERC Annual Charge Provision ("Section 6.16").

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Statement of the Nature, Reasons, and Basis for Filing

On March 21, 2013, in Docket No. RM12-14-000, the Commission issued Order No. 776,³ which amended the filing requirements for natural gas pipelines that recover Commission-assessed annual charges through an ACA clause.⁴ Previously, natural gas pipelines utilizing an ACA clause were required to make an annual filing to reflect within their tariffs the revised ACA unit charge authorized by the Commission each fiscal year.⁵ In an effort to reduce the regulatory burden associated with annual ACA filings, the Commission has eliminated this annual filing requirement by allowing pipelines to incorporate the ACA unit charge in their tariffs by reference to the Commission's website.⁶ To comply with Order No. 776 in time for the 2014 fiscal year, pipelines utilizing an ACA clause are required to make a one-time tariff filing to reference the ACA unit charge as published on the Commission's website.⁷ As such, Order No. 776 stipulates that the compliance filing be submitted 60 days prior to October 1, 2013, the start of the 2014 fiscal year.⁸

³ *Annual Charge Filing Procedures for Natural Gas Pipelines*, 142 FERC ¶ 61,209 (2013) ("Order No. 776").

⁴ 18 C.F.R. Part 154.402 (ACA Expenditures).

⁵ Order 776 at P 1. (In fn. 16, the Commission defines "fiscal year" as the twelve-month period beginning October 1 and ending the following September 30).

⁶ *Id.* at P 10. As further set forth in P 12, the ACA unit charge shall be specified on its website in the annual notice issued by the Commission entitled, "FY (Year) Gas Annual Charges Correction for Annual Charges Unit Charge." For fiscal year 2014, the Commission, in its notice entitled "FY 2014 Gas Annual Charges Correction for Annual Charges Unit Charge", has established an ACA unit charge of \$0.0012.

⁷ *Id.* at P 15.

⁸ *Id.*

In the instant filing, Bison is submitting revised tariff sections, attached hereto, to reflect the changes required by Commission Order No. 776. In tariff Section 4.3, Bison proposes to replace each listed ACA unit charge with a reference to the ACA unit charge as published on the Commission's website. Additionally, Bison proposes to delete language contained within tariff Section 6.16 regarding the annual filing requirement, which has been eliminated by Order No. 776.

Effective Date

Bison requests the Commission accept the revised tariff sections listed in Appendix A to become effective October 1, 2013.

Other Filings That May Affect This Proceeding

There are no other filings before the Commission that may significantly affect the changes proposed herein.

Contents of Filing

In accordance with Section 154.7 and 154.201 of the Commission's regulations, Bison is submitting the following XML filing package, which includes:

1. This transmittal letter;
2. Clean tariff sections (Appendix A); and
3. Marked tariff sections (Appendix B).

Certificate of Service

As required by Sections 154.7 and 154.208 of the Commission's regulations, copies of this filing are being served upon all of Bison's existing customers and interested state regulatory agencies. A copy of this letter, together with the enclosed tariff sections and other attachments, is available during regular business hours for public inspection at Bison's principal place of business.

Pursuant to Section 385.2005 and Section 385.2011, the undersigned has read this filing and knows its contents, and the contents are true as stated, to the best of his knowledge and belief. Additionally, the undersigned possesses full power and authority to sign such filing.

Any questions regarding this filing may be directed to Joan Collins at (832) 320-5651.

Respectfully submitted,

BISON PIPELINE LLC

BY: TRANSCANADA NORTHERN BORDER INC., ITS OPERATOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Roscher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John A. Roscher
Director, Rates and Tariffs

Enclosures

Appendix A

Bison Pipeline LLC *FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1*

Clean Tariff

<u>Tariff Section</u>	<u>Version</u>
4.3 – Statement of Rates, Annual Charge Adjustment (ACA)	v.2.0.0
6.16 – GT&C, FERC Annual Charge Provision	v.1.0.0

STATEMENT OF RATES

Rates per MMBtu

	Commodity Rate -----
Annual Charge Adjustment (ACA) Rate 1/	2/

1/ Rate is charged in accordance with Section 6.16 of the General Terms and Conditions.

2/ The currently effective ACA unit charge as published on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) is incorporated herein by reference.

6.16 FERC ANNUAL CHARGE PROVISION

1. Purpose.

Pursuant to Part 154.402 of FERC's Regulations, Company intends to recover the annual charges assessed by FERC under Part 382 of FERC's Regulations through the terms contained in this Section 6.16 and not through an NGA Section 4(e) rate filing.

2. ACA Unit Rate Adjustment.

The ACA unit rate shall be set forth on the Statement of Rates.

The ACA unit rate is not a discountable rate component.

3. Applicability.

The ACA unit rate shall apply to all transportation services that involve the transportation of gas to physical Delivery Points.

Appendix B

Bison Pipeline LLC *FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1*

Marked Tariff

<u>Tariff Section</u>	<u>Version</u>
4.3 – Statement of Rates, Annual Charge Adjustment (ACA)	v.2.0.0
6.16 – GT&C, FERC Annual Charge Provision	v.1.0.0

STATEMENT OF RATES

Rates per MMBtu

Commodity
Rate

| Annual Charge Adjustment (ACA) Rate 1/

2/~~\$0.0018~~

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2. ACA Unit Rate Adjustment.

~~Changes to the ACA unit rate shall be filed annually by Company to reflect the annual charge unit rate assessed by FERC to Company. The ACA unit rate shall be set forth on the Statement of Rates. Company shall file to effectuate the ACA unit rate at least thirty (30) days prior to its proposed effective date, as permitted under Section 4 of the Natural Gas Act.~~

The ACA unit rate is not a discountable rate component.

3. Applicability.

The ACA unit rate shall apply to all transportation services that involve the transportation of gas to physical Delivery Points.