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Transmittal No. 427

Honorable Kimberly D. Bose Office of the Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20426

Re: F.E.R.C. Tariff No. 100.113.1 amends F.E.R.C. Tariff No. 100.113.0 (Docket No. IS23-650-000) and cancels F.E.R.C. Tariff No. 100.112.1 (Docket No. IS23-360-001).

Dear Secretary Bose:

The accompanying tariff is sent to you for filing in compliance with requirements of the Interstate Commerce Act and the Commission regulations. This tariff is issued by Explorer Pipeline Company ("Explorer") and bears the designation F.E.R.C. Tariff No. 100.113.1. The tariff is filed to become effective on September 1, 2023 on 16 days' notice.

The revisions reflected in F.E.R.C. Tariff No. 100.113.1 includes:

- Item No. 121, North Houston Annual Threshold Incentive Program; and
- [N] Updates the "volumes bid" and the "market clearing rates" in the Table of Bid Rates, Part V for the month of September, 2023. There were no bids for the Southern Mainline Segment. The Market Clearing Rate for the Northern Mainline Segment was \$0.25 per barrel above the applicable Regular Rate or Specialty Rate.

In Item No. 121, Explorer is establishing a new volume incentive program and incentive rate that shall be available to shippers that deliver product to the North Houston (Harris County), Texas destination point ("North Houston Destination"). The discounted incentive rate set forth in Item No. 121 will apply to any barrels shipped by a shipper during the Program Period that are in excess of 2,000,000 barrels. The "Program Period" is defined as the period September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024. As also set forth in Item No. 121, any volumes that a shipper ships and delivers to the North Houston Destination during the Program Period that are below the above-stated threshold will be assessed the appliable regular rate set forth in Part III of the tariff. Explorer is establishing the volume incentive program and rate set forth in Item No. 121 to accommodate shipper requests.

[N] Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 341.14 (Special Permission), Explorer requests that it be granted a waiver under Section 6(3) of the ICA to file F.E.R.C. No. 100.113.1 on 16 days' notice, so that it may become effective on September 1, 2023. Explorer submits that good cause exists for granting a waiver under Section 6(3) of the ICA. Permitting the tariff to become effective on less than 30 days' notice will allow Explorer to include the updated "volumes bid" and "market clearing rates," which are being established in accordance with Item No. 113 (Bid Rates), in the tariff as soon as possible. Explorer also submits that no shipper should be adversely impacted by allowing F.E.R.C. No. 100.113.1 to become effective on short notice.

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 343.3 of the Commission's regulations, Explorer requests that any protest or other filing with regard to this tariff be sent electronically to Celeste Johnson at cjohnson@expl.com. All tariffs published by Explorer may be viewed and printed from Explorer's website at <u>www.expl.com</u>.

I hereby certify that on or before this date, I have caused service to be made pursuant to 18 CFR § 385.2010(f)(2).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (918) 359-5474.

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