# BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

APPLICATION FILED BY TARGA	§	
MIDLAND GAS PIPELINE LLC	§	GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 10690
PURSUANT TO NATURAL GAS POLICY	§	
ACT, SECTION 311 FOR REVIEW OF	§	
THE REASONABLENESS OF A	§	
TRANSPORTATION RATE	§	

#### **ORDER**

Notice of Open Meeting to consider this Order was duly posted with the Secretary of State within the time period provided by law pursuant to Chapter 551 (Open Meetings) of the Texas Government Code. The Railroad Commission of Texas ("Commission") adopts the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and orders as follows:

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Targa Midland Gas Pipeline LLC ("Targa" or "Applicant") owns and operates an intrastate natural gas pipeline within the State of Texas.
- 2. On January 31, 2018, Targa filed with the Commission an application for review of the reasonableness of transportation rates under Section 311 of the NGPA.
- 3. On January 31, 2018, Targa additionally filed direct testimony and accompanying schedules supporting the application.
- 4. On July 19, 2018 Targa filed with this Commission additional information and exhibits supporting the application.
- 5. Applicant does not seek to change or modify any existing intrastate rates.
- 6. Due notice of this proceeding was served on all persons for whom Applicant performs §311(a)(2) transportation services.
- 7. This docket was processed informally without an evidentiary hearing. No motion to intervene or statement of protest was filed.
- 8. Targa has shown that a volumetric rate for interruptible transportation of \$0.01 per MMBtu is fair and equitable and not in excess of a cost-based rate.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Targa is an intrastate "gas utility" under GURA Section 101.003 (Definitions).
- 2. Applicant transports natural gas on behalf of others pursuant to § 311(a)(2) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. § 3371, et seq., and 18 C.F.R. 284.121-126 (2017).
- 3. The application is properly before the Commission pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 3371, *et seq.*, and TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. § 121.151 (West 2007 & Supp. 2016).
- 4. A volumetric rate for interruptible transportation of \$0.01 per MMBtu is fair and equitable and not in excess of a cost-based rate.

**THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS** hereby finds that a volumetric rate of \$0.01 per MMBtu for interruptible transportation service by Targa Midland Gas Pipeline LLC is fair and equitable and not in excess of a cost-based rate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law not specifically adopted herein are DENIED.

**SIGNED** this 21st day of August, 2018.

## **RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

Christi Craddick, Chairman

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