

FORM OF RELEASED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGREEMENT  
(Applicable to firm transportation rights released pursuant to  
Section 11 of Transporter's General Terms and Conditions.)

THIS Contract is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_ by and between USG PIPELINE COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, hereinafter called "Transporter" and \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation, hereinafter variously called "Bidder" or "Replacement Shipper." Transporter and Bidder shall be referred to herein individually as "Party" and collectively as "Parties."

WHEREAS, Transporter owns and operates an interstate natural gas transmission system and provides transportation services for third party shippers on such system;

WHEREAS, Transporter's Tariff on file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission permits shippers under Transporter's Rate Schedule FT to release some or all of their transportation rights under the terms and conditions prescribed in Transporter's Tariff;

WHEREAS, Bidder desires to enter into prearranged release agreements and/or submit bidding to acquire transportation rights released by one or more firm shippers and Transporter's Tariff requires Bidder to enter into this Released Transportation Service Contract as a pre-condition to prearranged releases or to the submission of any such Bids; and

WHEREAS, Transporter is willing to enter into this Agreement with Bidder and provide transportation service to Bidder as a Replacement Shipper to the extent it obtains released transportation rights;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements as herein set forth, the Parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

The definitions found in Section 1 of Transporter's General Terms and Conditions are incorporated herein by reference.

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### ARTICLE II - RELEASED TRANSPORTATION RIGHTS

In the event transportation rights are released to Bidder after bidding or the exercise of matching rights, Transporter shall prepare and submit to Bidder an Exhibit "R-\_\_\_\_ (initially, "R-1") setting forth the maximum daily quantity of the released transportation service ("Release Quantity"), applicable receipt and delivery points, the rates to be paid for service using released rights, the name of the Rate Schedule governing such released transportation rights ("Governing Rate Schedule") and any special terms and conditions applicable to the release, including conditions of curtailment or recall. If Replacement Shipper subsequently obtains additional released transportation rights pursuant to the terms and conditions of Transporter's Tariff, an additional exhibit (designated sequentially as Exhibit R-2, Exhibit R-3, etc.) shall be added to this Agreement for each such award of transportation rights. Each such Exhibit shall be added to this Agreement without any requirement of execution by Replacement Shipper (except in the case of prearranged transactions to be executed prior to submission to Transporter) and, upon such addition, shall be incorporated in and be considered a part of this Agreement. In the case of prearranged release transactions, Releasing Shipper shall prepare the Exhibit R-\_\_\_\_ with all terms set forth therein; and, after execution by Replacement Shipper, such Exhibit shall be submitted to Transporter with the Release Request. If consistent with the tariff and not superseded by a higher third-party or matching bid, such Exhibit R-\_\_\_\_ will be accepted and incorporated into this Agreement.

### ARTICLE III - GOVERNING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This Agreement shall be subject to, governed by, and shall incorporate the applicable provisions of Transporter's Tariff, including, without limitation, Section 11 of the General Terms and Conditions thereof, the Governing Rate Schedule, and the special terms and conditions stated in each Exhibit hereto with respect to the released transportation rights described in such Exhibit. Subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations of this Agreement and Transporter's Tariff, Replacement Shipper shall be deemed a Shipper for purposes of the Governing Rate Schedule and the applicable provisions of Transporter's Tariff and shall be subject to all obligations thereof.

### ARTICLE IV - TERM

This Agreement shall become effective on the date first written above and shall remain in force and effect until terminated by either Party upon thirty days prior written notice to the other party; provided however, no such termination may take effect during the term of any release of transportation rights to Replacement Shipper hereunder.

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ARTICLE V - SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

- 5.1 Either Party may assign or pledge this Agreement and all rights and obligations hereunder under the provisions of any mortgage, deed of trust, indenture, or other instrument that it has executed or may execute hereafter as security for indebtedness; otherwise, Shipper shall not assign this Agreement or any of its rights and obligations hereunder.
- 5.2 Any person or entity that shall succeed by purchase, transfer, merger, or consolidation to the properties, substantially or as an entirety, of either Party hereto shall be entitled to the rights and shall be subject to the obligations of its predecessor in interest under this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI - REPLACEMENT SHIPPERS INDEMNIFICATION

Replacement Shipper recognizes that its rights to transportation service hereunder are solely those rights released by Releasing Shipper(s). The Replacement Shipper agrees that it will indemnify Transporter against any claim or suit of any kind by any Releasing Shipper, its successor or assigns arising from any action taken by Transporter in reliance upon the nominations, scheduling instructions or other communications from Replacement Shipper or its agents. Replacement Shipper further agrees that it will hold Transporter harmless for any action taken by Transporter in reliance upon the nominations, scheduling instructions or other communications of the Releasing Shipper or its agents. Replacement Shipper further recognizes and agrees that Transporter shall have no obligation to honor any nomination or scheduling request from Replacement Shipper or its agents that in Transporter's sole opinion conflicts with communications or instructions received by Transporter from the Releasing Shipper (or its agents) which is the source of the released transportation rights sought to be utilized by Replacement Shipper hereunder.

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ARTICLE VII - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 7.1 No waiver by any party of any one or more defaults by the other in the performance of any provisions of this Agreement shall operate or be construed as a waiver of any future default or defaults, whether of a like or of a different character.
- 7.2 The headings of the articles of this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the meaning or construction thereof.
- 7.3 THE INTERPRETATION AND PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND CONTROLLED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, WITHOUT REGARD TO CHOICE OF LAW DOCTRINE THAT REFERS TO THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION.
- 7.4 This Agreement, including all provisions expressly incorporated by reference, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, representations, and understandings, written or oral, pertaining thereto. Except as otherwise provided herein, any modifications, amendments or changes to this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties only if agreed upon in a written instrument executed by both Parties which expressly refers to this Agreement.
- 7.5 Except for changes specifically authorized pursuant to this Agreement, no modification of or supplement to the terms and conditions hereof shall be or become effective until Shipper has submitted a request for change to Transporter and Shipper has been notified by Transporter of Transporter's agreement to such change.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and  
year first set forth above.

USG PIPELINE COMPANY  
(Transporter)

BY \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Replacement Shipper)

BY \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT R-1  
to the  
Released Transportation Service Agreement  
between USG Pipeline Company (Transporter)  
and \_\_\_\_\_ (Replacement Shipper)  
dated \_\_\_\_\_

Release Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Bid Rate: \_\_\_\_\_

Term: \_\_\_\_\_

Releasing Shipper:

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Commencement Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Receipt Points

Meter Nos.

Max. Receipt Quantity

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Meter Nos.

Max. Delivery Quantity

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT R-\_\_\_\_\_

to the

Released Transportation Service Agreement

between USG Pipeline Company (Transporter)

and \_\_\_\_\_ (Replacement Shipper)

dated \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Conditions of Release:

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Notices shall be made to:

Robert B. Cooper  
USG Pipeline Company  
550 West Adams Street  
Dept. # 143-61  
Chicago, Illinois 60661-3676

Replacement Shipper (contact person with address, including email, phone and fax)

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Releasing Shipper (contact person with address, including email, phone and fax)

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Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
For Replacement Shipper

Name:

Title:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_