

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP99-105-000]

Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

December 14, 1998.

Take notice that on December 7, 1998, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP99-105-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.212 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to operate an existing valve setting and to construct and operate certain measurement facilities as a new delivery point to the city of Watertown, South Dakota authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP84-420-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern border proposes to operate an existing 4-inch valve setting and to construct and operate a single 4-inch turbine meter and associated piping, valves, RTU, and buildings to serve as a delivery point to the city of Watertown. The estimated cost of the proposed facilities is \$465,000. Northern Border would be reimbursed for all costs incurred to constructing the proposed delivery point.

The natural gas volumes to be delivered at the proposed delivery point are volumes currently being transported by Northern Border. Northern Border would deliver to the city of Watertown up to 15,000 Mcf on a peak day and an estimated 1.8 Bcf annually the natural gas volumes delivered at the Watertown delivery point would be used to serve the city of Watertown. There would not be any impact on the peak day capability of Northern Border's existing shippers as a result of the proposed interconnect and any impact on annual deliveries would be minimal.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed

and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP99-110-000]

Portland Natural Gas Transmission System; Notice of Application

December 14, 1998.

Take notice that on December 10, 1998, Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS), One Harbour Place, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801, filed in Docket No. CP99-110-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of facilities in Newington, New Hampshire, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, PNGTS proposes to construct and own a short "T" on the pipeline, together with a valve and flange, near mile post 0.48 on the Newington lateral in Newington, New Hampshire. PNGTS states that Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C., will operate the proposed facility which consists of a 4-inch pipe that extends three feet above ground, a 4-inch valve and a flange, and would be enclosed within a standard six-foot high and ten-foot square chain link fence. PNGTS says that the facility is located on property not owned by the prospective customer and that the facility site would be located entirely on the Newington lateral permanent right of way. PNGTS states that the facility is intended to support a tap envisioned to served G-P Gypsum. PNGTS contends that it is more efficient, less expensive, environmentally preferable, and safer to construct the proposed facilities during construction of the Joint Facilities Project rather than after the pipeline has been placed into operation. PNGTS states that the estimated cost of the project is \$32,000. PNGTS also states that under the current projected work schedule, the pipeline crews will complete construction of the Newington lateral on or before January 1, 1999,

therefore authorization is requested by that date.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 28, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214) and the regulations under NGA (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or parties directly involved. Any person wishing to become a party in any proceeding herein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by every one of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the