Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/ rims.htm (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

### Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP99-322-000 and RP96-45-000]

### Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

December 8, 1999.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding on Monday, December 20, 1999, at 1:00 p.m., and continue through Tuesday, December 21, 1999, at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement in the above-referenced dockets.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact William J. Collins at (202) 208–

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#### Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-120-000]

# Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 8. 1999.

Take notice that on December 1, 1999, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing changes in its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, proposed to be effective January 1, 2000:

50 Revised Sheet No. 50

50 Revised Sheet No. 51

46 Revised Sheet No. 53

Northern states that this filing establishes the System Balancing Agreement (SBA) cost recovery surcharge to be effective January 1, 2000 for the period January 1 through December 31, 2000.

Northern further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of its customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/ rims.htm (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

### Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-121-000]

# Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

December 8, 1999.

Take notice that on December 1, 1999, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing in its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1 and Original Volume No. 2, the following tariff sheets proposed to be effective date of January 1, 2000:

Fifth Revised Volume No. 1

51 Revised Sheet No. 50

51 Revised Sheet No. 51

20 Revised Sheet No. 52

47 Revised Sheet No. 53

Original Volume No. 2

159 Revised Sheet No. 1C 36 Revised Sheet No. 1C.a

Northern states that the purpose of this filing is to set forth the approved 2000 Gas Research Institute (GRI) surcharges for the 2000 calendar year to be effective January 1, 2000 in accordance with the Commission's Order Approving The Gas Research Institute's Year 2000 Research, Development and Demonstration Program and 2000–2004 Five-Year Plan issued on September 29, 1999 in Docket No. RP99–323–000.

Northern further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of its customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protest swill be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/