

888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 of 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

Mid Louisiana Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

[Docket No. CP99-274-000]

March 31, 1999.

Take notice that on March 29, 1999, Mid Louisiana Gas Company (Mid Louisiana), 1100 Louisiana Street, Suite 2950, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP99-274-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon by sale to Mississippi Valley Gas Company (Mississippi Valley) certain pipeline facilities known as the T-26 Lateral and appurtenant facilities located in Adams County, Mississippi, under Mid Louisiana's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-539-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Mid Louisiana proposes to abandon by sale to Mississippi Valley its T-26 Lateral consisting of approximately 0.37 miles of 4½-inch pipe and 0.08 mile of 4-inch pipe and appurtenances located in Adams County, Mississippi. Mid Louisiana states that the facilities were initially constructed to provide delivery of gas for Mid Louisiana's merchant or

sale obligation, and that today these facilities are utilized solely for the delivery of gas transported pursuant to Mid Louisiana's Firm Transportation Agreement No. MLG-Q-70165 with Mississippi River Corporation (MRC), dated September 1, 1993. Mid Louisiana states that it will continue to deliver volumes as contracted, however the point of delivery will be moved from the terminus of the T-26 Lateral to the point where the T-26 Lateral interconnects Mid Louisiana's mainline.

Mid Louisiana states that it and Mississippi Valley have agreed to the sale and purchase of the facilities, in the amount of \$10, pursuant to a letter agreement dated August 28, 1998, and that MRC has consented to the abandonment and sale by document dated Federal 11, 1999.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, 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 Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-21-001]

Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Amendment

March 31, 1999.

Take notice that on March 25, 1999, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP99-21-001, an amendment to its pending application in Docket No. CP99-21-000, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, to construct and operate pipeline and compression

facilities, all as more fully set forth in the amendment which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Specifically, Northern Border seeks to: (1) replace the compressor wheel and uprate the 6,500 HP electric drive compressor at Compressor Station No. 14 to a 13,000 HP electric drive compressor; (2) replace the compressor wheel and internals and uprate the 12,000 HP electric drive compressor at Compressor Station No. 17 to a 15,000 HP electric drive compressor; (3) install and operate a 13,000 HP electric drive compressor at Compressor Station Site No. 18; (4) construct and operate approximately 34.4 miles of 36-inch pipeline from Manhattan, Illinois to North Hayden, Indiana; (5) construct and operate a new meter station; and (6) other appurtenant facilities. Northern Border also withdraws its request to install compression at Compressor Station Nos. 2, 4, and 16 and will not make the previously proposed cooling modifications. Further, Northern Border withdraws its request for permission and approval to abandon and remove certain compression facilities. The change in facility configuration was prompted when two of the original project shippers, El Paso Energy Marketing Company and Minnesota Corn Processors, obtained firm capacity via capacity release subsequent to the filing of Docket No. CP99-21-000. Northern Border states that the estimated cost of the proposed facilities is \$125.7 million. The proposed in-service date of the facilities is November 1, 2000.

Northern Border proposes to maintain its cost of service ratemaking methodology and roll-in to Rate Schedule T-1 (Northern Border's Part 284 firm transportation rate schedule) the cost of the new facilities with its existing system costs. Northern Border maintains that the aggregation of the proposed costs with existing facility costs will result in an increase in the unit cost under Rate Schedule T-1 that is less than the 5 percent presumption in the Commission's *Pricing Policy for New and Existing Facilities Constructed by Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines* (68 FERC ¶ 61,140 (1994)). Northern Border also asserts that its proposal will offer system-wide benefits to existing and prospective shippers.

Northern Border also requests a one-time waiver of Subsection 4.83 of Rate Schedule T-1 in Northern Border's FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, which details the calculation of