

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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 proceeding. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. CP95-194-001, CP95-194-003, CP96-027-000, and CP96-027-001]

Northern Border Pipeline Company and Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Northern Border Project

June 6, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) and Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) in the above-referenced dockets, collectively referred to as the Northern Border Project.

The FEIS was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with the mitigating measures we have recommended, would have limited environmental impact and would be an environmentally acceptable action. Most of this impact would occur during construction. The FEIS also evaluates two single system alternatives to the proposals between Harper, Iowa and Chicago, Illinois. The FEIS concludes that either single system alternative would be environmentally preferable to

building both projects in that area. The Amarillo system alternative is the environmentally preferred alternative.

The FEIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the Construction and operation of the following facilities:

Northern Border

- About 390.0 miles of new natural gas pipeline;
- About 303,500 horsepower (hp) of new compression;
- 9 new and 1 modified meter stations, 5 new pig Launcher/receivers, 1 new office/ warehouse building, and 16 new and 9 modified valves; and
- 13 new communication towers.

Natural

- About 85.7 miles of new natural gas pipeline;
- About 9,000 hp of new compression; and
- 3 new pig launcher/receivers and 17 new or modified valves.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to transport up to 1,226.3 million cubic feet per day of natural gas from producing regions in Canada and the Williston Basin in Montana and North Dakota to natural gas shippers and local distribution companies in the Midwest, primarily the Chicago area.

The FEIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

A limited number of copies are available at this location.

Copies of the FEIS have been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5838-9]

Toxic Chemicals; PCBs; Submission of ICR No. 1012 to OMB; Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of submission to OMB.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) entitled: PCB Disposal Permitting Regulation (EPA ICR No. 1012.06; OMB Control No. 2070-0011) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval pursuant to the OMB procedures in 5 CFR 1320.12. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated cost and burden.

The Agency is requesting that OMB renew for 3 years the existing approval for this ICR, which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 1997. A **Federal Register** notice announcing the Agency's intent to seek the renewal of this ICR and the 60-day public comment opportunity, requesting comments on the Agency's intent to renew the ICR and on the ICR contents, was issued on November 12, 1996 (61 FR 58065). EPA did not receive any comments during the comment period.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before July 14, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1012.06 and OMB Control No. 2070-0011.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1012.06 and OMB Control No. 2070-0011, to the following addresses: Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regulatory Information Division (Mailcode: 2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

And to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Review Requested: This is a request to renew a currently approved information collection pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12.

ICR Numbers: EPA ICR No. 1012.06; OMB Control No. 2070-0011.

Current Expiration Date: Current OMB approval expires on June 30, 1997.

Title: PCB Disposal Permitting Regulation.

Abstract: Section 6(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) bans polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from the environment and directs the Administrator of EPA to promulgate rules to, among other things, prescribe methods for the disposal of PCBs. EPA promulgated rules in 1978 and 1979 that