

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP97-105-004]

Nora Transmission Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

July 2, 1997.

Take notice that on June 30, 1997, Nora Transmission Company, (Nora) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to become effective August 1, 1997:

Second Revised Sheet No. 164
Second Revised Sheet No. 165

Nora states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's June 19, 1997 letter order in the captioned docket, and to implement the Internet Web Page standards which were adopted in Order No. 587-C.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in 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 proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell.*Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP97-598-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

July 2, 1997.

Take notice that on June 20, 1997, as supplemented on June 30, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), P.O. Box 3330, Omaha, Nebraska 68103-0330, filed in Docket No. CP97-598-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's

Regulations for permission and approval to abandon in place the Gaines Co. #3 compressor station (Gaines Co. #3) located in Gaines County, Texas, consisting of one single-staged 172 horsepower unit, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern states that the Gaines Co. #3 was authorized pursuant to budget authorization in Docket No. CP81-33-001. The Gaines Co. #3 was originally constructed to effectuate delivery of volumes to support Northern's merchant function from gas fields connected upstream of the compressor. According to Northern, on or about March 27, 1997, the Gaines Co. #3 began experiencing mechanical problems which rendered the unit inoperable. Northern states that it does not have any firm contracts with the Gaines Co. #3 as a primary receipt point. Northern contends that the revenues generated by interruptible transportation service does not economically justify the cost to repair the unit. Northern asserts that Highlands Gathering and Processing Company (Highlands), the owner of the upstream gathering system connected to the Gaines Co. #3 agrees that the proposed abandonment result in the best economic solution, and has installed compression to enable the natural gas volumes connected to its gathering system to enter Northern's transmission system. Northern notes that the operating conditions have changed since it initially installed its Gaines Co. #3 resulting in the need for two stages of compression versus Northern's single staged unit to most efficiently produce the gas volumes.

Northern proposes to abandon the station in-place. However, Northern states that it intends to utilize parts from this unit in the future at other locations on its system as the need may arise. Additionally, Northern notes in a footnote that the unit or parts of the unit proposed to be abandoned may be salvaged rather than utilized elsewhere on Northern's pipeline system. Northern contends that at the time the unit is utilized it will seek any required Commission authority in order to install and operate the compressor facilities at a new location, as applicable. Northern states that all gas and service piping to the unit will be disconnected and sealed off either by the installation of blind flanges or weld caps. Northern states that it will continue to utilize the dehydration equipment, tanks, and other appurtenant valves and piping located in the plant yard for the continued operation of its pipeline facilities located downstream of the

compressor station proposed for abandonment.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before July 23, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 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) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (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. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in the subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Northern to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Lois D. Cashell,*Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP97-585-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 2, 1997.

Take notice that on June 16, 1997, as supplemented on June 30, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company