

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP98-77-000]

**Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Application**

November 18, 1997.

Take notice that on November 12, 1997, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in Docket No. CP98-77-000 an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Sections 157.14 and 157.16 of the Commission's Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the acquisition and operation of certain meter facilities in Minnesota.

Specifically, Northern Border seeks to acquire the Windom measurement station from Northwest Gas of Cottonwood County, LLC (Northwest Gas). The Windom measurement station, which is located in Section 17, Township 105N, Range 35W, Cottonwood County, Minnesota, comprises the following facilities:

- (1) one 4-inch turbine meter and associated piping;
- (2) one 2-inch rotary meter and associated piping;
- (3) approximately 110 feet of 4-inch pipe;
- (4) remote terminal unit; and
- (5) meter and control buildings, and appurtenances.

Northern Border states that Northwest Gas no longer desires to operate the measurement station and will transfer it to Northern Border for a nominal fee. Northwest Gas will pay Northern Border \$46,633 for the negative cashflow that Northern Border states it will experience as a result of the timing of income tax liability incurred in acquiring the Windom measurement station.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before December 9, 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 385.214 or 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. 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 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.

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 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 a grant of the certificate is 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 Border 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. RP96-45-007]

**Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Billing Adjustment and Refund Report**

November 18, 1997.

Take notice that on November 6, 1997, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) tendered for filing its billing adjustment and refund report in accordance with the Commission's August 1, 1997 order in Docket No. RP96-45-004 (80 FERC ¶ 61,150) approving the Stipulation and Agreement with modification dated October 15, 1996 (October 15 Settlement).

Northern Border states that on October 9, 1997, it distributed billing adjustment and refund checks to each affected shipper, or its designated agent. The total amount of the billing adjustment and refunds including applicable carrying charges was \$52,629,752.46. Northern Border states that the billing adjustment and refunds with applicable carrying charges were calculated in accordance with the terms of the October 15 Settlement.

Northern Border states that a complete copy of this report has been served on all affected shippers and interested state commissions and is also available for review at Northern Border's office in Omaha, Nebraska.

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 Sections 385.211 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be made 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