

prior to any sale of the facilities, ANR will have no direct operational control of the facilities, nor will ANR be permitted to use the facilities; the facilities will be used only by North Shore for delivery of natural gas to serve its retail sales and transportation customers in its service territory in Illinois. North Shore further maintains that under the agreement with ANR, if North Shore elects to sell the gas main and facilities, ANR has advised that, at that time, it will seek to certificate the facilities as part of its interstate system pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA.

North Shore also requests a determination by the Commission that it qualifies as a local distribution company for purposes of Section 311 of the NGPA, which would ensure that North Shore has access to the transportation of gas by interstate pipelines under Section 311 of the NGPA.

In addition, North Shore requests a waiver of all reporting and accounting requirements and rules and regulations which are normally applicable to natural gas companies under the NGA and NGPA. North Shore states that it is comprehensively regulated by the Illinois Commerce Commission; therefore, there is no need to impose federal regulation that is duplicative of the requirements already imposed on North Shore by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 19, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 protest 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 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 that procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for North Shore to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-189-000]

Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

January 29, 1998.

Take notice that on January 16, 1998, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed an application with the Commission in Docket No. CP98-189-000 pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to purchase line pack gas used to operate Northern Border's pipeline system, all as more fully set forth in the application which is open to the public for inspection.

Northern Border states that its proposal to purchase line pack gas would eliminate the requirement for each shipper under its FERC Gas Tariff Rate Schedule T-1 to provide its allocable share of line pack gas required for the operation of Northern Border's pipeline system. Northern Border also states that upon approval of this proposal, Northern Border would purchase the line pack gas required for its operations and would be responsible for obtaining and managing its system line pack gas. Northern Border further states that with the acquisition of line pack gas by Northern Border, Rate Schedule T-1 shippers would be able to monetize and redeploy the capital required to finance their investment in line pack gas for Northern Borders' pipeline. Upon acquisition of the line pack gas by Northern Border, all firm and interruptible shippers would share the cost of service associated with Northern Border's providing of line pack gas on its system. In addition, Northern Border states that the

administrative burden of tracking present and future changes to line pack gas ownership by Rate Schedule T-1 shippers would be eliminated.

Northern Border estimates that it would spend approximately \$12,500,000 to purchase its line pack gas (currently approximately 4.1 million MMBtu equivalent of natural gas and expected to increase to approximately 5.1 million MMBtu when its expansion/extension facilities approved at Docket No. CP95-194-000, *et al.* are placed in service).

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 19, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 NGA (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 and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the NGA 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 Border to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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