

888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before June 14, 1999. 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

[Docket No. CP96-27-004]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Application To Amend Certificate

June 7, 1999.

Take notice that on May 27, 1999, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed in Docket No. CP96-27-004 an Application to Amend Certificate (Amendment) to delete the Commission's authorization for construction of certain new natural gas facilities. The existing certificate authority in this docket was issued during 1996-1998 as part of the Northern Border Project.¹ Natural's proposal is more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This application may be viewed at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for help).

The purpose of the Amendment is to delete the existing authority to construct and operate 4.1 miles of 36-inch pipeline looping east of Station 110 and 0.5 miles of 36-inch pipeline across the Mississippi River, which Natural no longer believes are needed. Natural has constructed and put into service the additional compression authorized for

Station 110. The only construction activities concerning the looping and river crossing are preliminary site studies and the purchase and storing of steel pipe in a western Illinois storage site. Natural says that under winter conditions, this additional compression is sufficient to move an additional 110 MMcf/day of gas from Harper, Iowa to the Chicago area. Natural says that the Amendment does not raise any environmental, rate or service issues.

Any person desiring to be heard or making any protest with reference to said application should on or before June 28, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, 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 person to whom the protests are directed.

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 issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by all other 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 serve copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing an original and 14 copies with the Commission. Any person who has previously intervened in Docket No. CP96-27-000/001/002 does not need to intervene again.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of such 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 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 these applications 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 Texas Gas to appear to be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2585-002]

Northbrook Carolina Hydro, LLC; Site Visit to Idols Hydroelectric Project

June 7, 1999.

Take notice that Commission staff will hold a site visit with Northbrook Carolina Hydro, LLC, licensee for the constructed Idols Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2585-002. The project is located on the Yadkin River in Forsyth County, North Carolina. The site visit will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 1999, from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of the visit is to enable Commission staff responsible for preparing the environmental assessment of the proposed surrender of license to view the existing dam, reservoir, and nearby areas. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend the site visit.

¹ See the Preliminary Determination issued on August 1, 1996 (76 FERC ¶ 16,142); Order Issuing Certificate issued on August 1, 1997 (80 FERC ¶ 61,147); and Order Amending Certificate issued on February 27, 1998 (82 FERC ¶ 61,207)