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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-146-000]

K N Interstate Gas Transmission Co.; Notice of Reconciliation Filing

December 23, 1999.

Take notice that on December 21, 1999, K N Interstate Gas Transmission Co. (KNI) tendered for filing its annual reconciliation filing pursuant to Section 35 (Crediting of Imbalance Revenue) of its General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1-B.

KNI has served copies of this filing upon all jurisdictional customers, interested State Commissions, and other interested parties.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 December 30, 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).

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[Docket No. CP99-21-002]

Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Amendment

December 23, 1999.

Take notice that on December 17, 1999, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP99-21-002, an amendment to its application in Docket No. CP99-21, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, to construct and operate pipeline and compression facilities, all as more fully set forth in the amendment which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

On March 25, 1999, Northern Border filed with the Commission an amendment to its application in Docket No. CP99-21-001, wherein Northern Border modified the design of the pipeline and compression facilities it proposes. By this amendment, Northern Border now proposes to install approximately 34.4 miles of 30-inch pipeline (rather than 36-inch pipeline, as previously proposed), commencing from Northern Border's 36-inch pipeline near Manhattan, Illinois to a point near North Hayden, Indiana. The proposed pipeline extension will interconnect with Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) at the terminus of the pipeline at which point Northern Border proposes to install a meter station. The pipeline extension between Manhattan and North Hayden will have a design capacity of 544,000 Mcf/d and a maximum operating pressure of 1,050 psig. Due to the potential development of a new airport along the route of the proposed pipeline, Northern Border has been requested and proposes to install a tee and side value on the pipeline extension near the site. Further, the planned cooling modifications at proposed Compressor Station No. 18 have been eliminated. The change in pipeline diameter from a 36-inch to a 30-inch, and the elimination of cooling at Compressor Station No. 18 are the only facility changes from those proposed in the March 25, 1999, amendment.

As now amended, the estimated project cost is \$94.4 million, in fourth

quarter 1999 dollars. Northern Border says that it does not intend to use its cost projection in the instant application as the basis for an incentive rate proposal. Northern Border filed additional exhibits which compare the transportation cost for the year 2002 without the proposed facilities to the projected year 2002 cost with the proposed facilities in order to show the impact of rolling-in the proposed facilities on the first calendar year of operation's cost of service. Northern Border's year 2002 projected unit cost of service rate, including fuel, the proposed facility costs, and the related volumes is 4.30 cents per 100 Dekatherm-Miles, which is the same as the unit cost without the proposed facilities and related volumes. Northern Border says that this demonstrates that Project 2000 is financially viable without "subsidy" from existing customers.

On September 15, 1999, the Commission issued a Statement of Policy in Docket No. PL99-3-000, "Certification of new Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities". The Policy Statement announced changes to the pricing and rate criteria applicable to new construction projects and, specified that applicants proposing to add new pipeline capacity must satisfy a threshold requirement of "no financial subsidies". The Policy Statement also announced that a project will also be evaluated based upon consideration of (i) the interests of the applicant's existing customers; (ii) the interest of competing existing pipelines and their captive customers, and (iii) the interests of landowners and surrounding communities. Where a project results in adverse impacts to any of members of these three stakeholder groups, the project sponsor must show how the specific public benefits resulting from its project outweigh the adverse effects the members of the three stakeholder groups.

Northern Border states that Project 2000, as now amended, meets the Commission's threshold "no financial subsidies" requirement of for certification. Further, it says that the public benefits of Project 2000 outweigh any adverse impacts to any members of the three stakeholder groups identified in the Policy Statement, because in its amendment, Northern Border describes in detail how Project 2000 does not have any adverse impact on the three stakeholder groups listed in the Policy Statement. Northern Border therefore requests that the Commission promptly certify Project 2000, as hereby amended, and that such approvals issue no later than March 15, 2000.