

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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-108-000]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

March 23, 2001.

Take notice that on March 15, 2001, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in docket No. CP01-108-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Regulations for permission and approval to abandon and remove approximately six hundred fifty (650) feet of pipeline, located in Seward County, Kansas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm>. (Call 202-208-2222 for assistance.)

Specifically, Northern requests expedited approval for the proposed abandonment by removal of approximately 500 feet of its 20-inch J-line and 150 feet of a 16-inch tie-over line to eliminate an unnecessary road crossing located in Seward County, Kansas. Northern states that this portion of the J-line crosses under a gravel county road (RS 1983) where it has been discovered that the pipeline cover has been reduced over the years by erosion and road grading. Northern asserts that the abandonment of these facilities will not result in the abandonment of service to any of Northern's existing shippers,

nor will the proposed abandonment adversely effect capacity.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Keith L. Petersen, Director, Certificates and Reporting, Northern Natural Gas Company, 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, at (402) 398-7421 or Bret Fritch, Senior Regulatory Analyst, at (402) 398-7140.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before April 2, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene 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). A person obtaining party 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 all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding.

Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed

documents on all other parties.

However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

Also, comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

If the Commission decides to set the application for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge, the Commission will issue another notice describing that process. At the end of the Commission's review process, a final Commission order approving or denying a certificate will be issued.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL01-58-000]

#### Powerex Corp., Complainant, v. United States Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, Rocky Mountain Region/Western Area Colorado Missouri, Respondent; Notice of Complaint

March 23, 2001.

Take notice that on March 22, 2001, Powerex Corp. (Powerex) tendered for filing a Complaint against U.S. Department of Energy—Western Area Power Administration—Rocky Mountain Region/Western Area Colorado Missouri (WACM).

In its Complaint, Powerex alleges that WACM has violated Section 37.6(e)(1) of the Commission's OASIS regulations and the mandatory business practice standards of Order No. 638 by displacing Powerex's unconditional six-month reservation of short-term firm transmission service over the Sidney Tie, which had been confirmed by WACM for service to commence April 1, 2001. Powerex alleges that WACM's actions also contravene the provisions of its Open Access Transmission Tariff and the Standards of Conduct approved by the Commission for WACM. Powerex requests the Commission to act on a