

400,000 shares of common stock to be issued from time to time in connection with the Non-Employee Director Stock Compensation Plan.

MDU also requests a waiver from the Commission's competitive bidding and negotiated placement requirements at 18 CFR 34.2.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. eastern time on August 26, 2004.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-441-000]

Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

August 9, 2004.

Take notice that on August 4, 2004, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) tendered for filing as

part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective September 3, 2004:

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 1;
Original Sheet No. 475;
Third Revised Sheet No. 268D.01;
Original Sheet No. 476;
Second Revised Sheet No. 268D.01a;
Original Sheet No. 477;
Original Sheet No. 268D.01b;
Eighth Revised Sheet No. 298A;
Original Sheet No. 478;
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 299;
Original Sheet No. 299A;
Original Sheet No. 479;
Original Sheet No. 474;
Original Sheet No. 480; and
Sheet Nos. 481-499.

Northern Border states that the purpose of this filing is to establish a standard form of Operational Balancing Agreement (OBA) as part of Northern Border's Tariff and to make all necessary housekeeping changes associated with the establishment of such agreement. Northern Border indicates that such agreement is designed to facilitate more efficient operations, accounting, and system management at physical point(s) of interconnection.

Northern Border states that it has served copies of its filing upon all of its contracted shippers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-391-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

August 9, 2004.

Take notice that on July 30, 2004, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP04-391-000, an application pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations for authorization to construct and operate delivery point facilities on its pipeline in Juneau County, Wisconsin, for deliveries to Merrick's, Inc., for its animal food processing plant. Northern states that it filed this application under Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000 pursuant to section 7 of the NGA. Northern further states that it is estimated that the cost of the facilities would be \$213,308, for which Northern would be reimbursed by Merrick's. Northern asserts that the addition of the delivery point will not have a significant impact on Northern's annual deliveries or peak day operations, because transportation will be provided under Northern's currently authorized level of service.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Michael T. Loeffler, Director, Certificates and Reporting, at (402) 398-7103, or Donna Martens, Senior Regulatory Analyst, at (402) 398-7138.

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