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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 539-014]

Lock 7 Hydro Partners, LLC; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent To File License Application and Request To Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 539-014.

c. *Date Filed:* March 27, 2017.

d. *Submitted By:* Lock 7 Hydro Partners, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Mother Ann Lee Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* At the Kentucky River Authority's Lock and Dam No. 7 on the Kentucky River, in Mercer and Jessamine Counties, Kentucky. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* David Brown Kinloch, Lock 7 Hydro Partners, LLC, 414 South Wenzel St., Louisville,

KY 40204; (502) 589-0975; kyhydropower@gmail.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Rachel McNamara at (202) 502-8340; or email at rachel.mcnamara@ferc.gov.

j. Lock 7 Hydro Partners, LLC filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on March 27, 2017. Lock 7 Hydro Partners, LLC provided public notice of its request on March 30, 2017. In a letter dated May 11, 2017, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Lock 7 Hydro Partners, LLC's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Lock 7 Hydro Partners, LLC as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Lock 7 Hydro Partners, LLC filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (<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, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 539. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications

must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by April 30, 2020.

p. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-434-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on April 28, 2017, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in the above Docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208, and 157.216 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000, for authorization to construct, own, and operate a total of 13.8 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline loop in two non-contiguous segments and appurtenant facilities in Boone and Polk Counties, Iowa, and abandon two short segments of pipeline in Polk County, Iowa (Des Moines B-line Loop Project), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The filing may also be viewed on the web 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 TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this prior notice request should be directed to Michael T Loeffler, Senior Director, Certificates and External Affairs for Northern, 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, or phone (402) 398-7103, or by email at mike.loeffler@nngco.com.

Specifically, Northern states that the proposed project is a proactive measure to uphold pipeline integrity on Des Moines A-line. Northern states that it needs to reduce operating pressure on that line from 490 psig to 380 psig. To replace lost capacity associated with the lowered operating pressure, Northern proposes to install (1) approximately 11.2 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline loop starting at Northern's existing Ogden compressor station, and (2) approximately 2.6 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline loop starting at Northern's existing Royal Estates reducing station. Northern also proposes to remove (3) 20 feet of 8-inch-diameter station piping and (4) 5 feet of the 16-inch-diameter Des Moines B-line, both at the Royal Estates reducing station. Northern further states that with the exception of a segment of pipeline that will be installed adjacent to the road right of way, the pipeline loops will be placed adjacent to the existing Des Moines B-line. To maintain Northern's contractual obligations, the operating pressure on Des Moines A-line will be reduced once the Des Moines B-line Loop Project is placed in-service. The estimated cost of the project is \$32.5 million.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Any person may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. Any person filing to intervene or the Commission's staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205) file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed

therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the e-Filing link.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Technical Conference

	Docket Nos.
Developments in Natural Gas Index Liquidity and Transparency.	AD17-12-000
Price Discovery in Natural Gas and Electric Markets.	PL03-3-000
Natural Gas Price Formation	AD03-7-000

Take notice that on June 29, 2017, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold a technical conference on Developments in Natural Gas Index Liquidity and Transparency from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EDT), in the Commission Meeting Room at 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. A detailed agenda will be issued and published on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's Web site¹ prior to the conference. Commission members may participate in the conference.

The purpose of this technical conference is to understand the state of liquidity in the physical natural gas markets, to explore current trends in physical natural gas trading and price reporting and how the use of natural gas indices have evolved over time, to obtain industry's views on the current level of confidence in natural gas indices and price formation, and finally, to consider whether there is a need to improve natural gas market liquidity and price reporting and, if so, how. Staff plans to discuss these issues with buyers and sellers of physical natural

gas, natural gas pipelines, ISO/RTOs or public utilities that use natural gas indices in their tariffs, market monitors, index developers, energy exchanges, academics and market experts. Staff recognizes that a number of factors influence market liquidity, and encourages the participation of interested parties to speak about price discovery, liquidity evaluation, and market activity measurement in the physical natural gas markets, among other things influencing the natural gas markets.

All attendees are encouraged to preregister at <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/06-29-17-form.asp>. There is no fee to register or attend.

The technical conference will be transcribed. Transcripts will be available from Ace Reporting Company and may be purchased online at www.acefederal.com, or by phone at (202) 347-3700. In addition, there will be a free webcast of the conference. The webcast will allow persons to listen, but not participate, and will be accessible at www.ferc.gov Calendar of Events. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcast and offers the option of listening to the technical conference via phone-bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit www.CapitolConnection.org or call (703) 993-3100.

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For more information about the technical conference, please contact: Sarah McKinley (Logistics), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8368, Sarah.Mckinley@ferc.gov Eric Primosch (Technical), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-6483, Eric.Primosch@ferc.gov Omar Bustami (Legal), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-6214, Omar.Bustami@ferc.gov

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¹ www.ferc.gov.