

KMIGT requests that it be allowed (1) waiver of the pre-posting notice requirements, (2) to use an iterative bidding process limited to one or two rounds, if necessary, and to shorten the times established for activities in that process, and (3) to shorten the required time frame between the end of the bidding process and contract expiration from 45 days to no less than 28 days.

KMIGT states that copies of the filing have been served upon mainline transportation and storage shippers and affected state regulatory bodies.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before July 26, 2001. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (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 under the "e-Filing" link.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-53-000]

### Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

July 20, 2001.

An informal settlement conference in the above docket will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 2001, to address the outstanding ad valorem tax issues on the Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC system. The conference will be held in the offices of Kinder Morgan, 370 Van Gordon Street, Lakewood, Colorado, 80228. The informal settlement conference will begin at 10 a.m.

All interested parties in the above docket are requested to attend the informal settlement conference. If a party has any questions regarding the conference, please call Richard Miles, the Director of the Commission's Dispute Resolution Service on 1 877 FERC ADR (337-2237) or 202/208-0702 and his e-mail address is [richard.miles@ferc.fed.us](mailto:richard.miles@ferc.fed.us) or Steven Rothman on 202/208-2278 and his e-mail address is [steven.rothman@ferc.fed.us](mailto:steven.rothman@ferc.fed.us). If you plan on attending the conference, please contact Ben Breland at Kinder Morgan by fax at 303-763-3116.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-487-000]

### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

July 20, 2001.

Take notice that on July 17, 2001, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to be effective August 17, 2001:

Second Revised Sheet No. 274

Second Revised Sheet No. 275

First Revised Sheet No. 276

Natural states that these sheets were filed to update Section 14 of the General Terms and Conditions in Natural's Tariff, which is the tariff provision governing unauthorized gas.

Natural states that copies of the filing are being mailed to its customers and interested state regulatory agencies.

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, NE., Washington, DC 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 in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (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 under the "e-Filing" link.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-401-000]

### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

July 19, 2001.

Take notice that on July 13, 2001, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), P.O. Box 3330, Omaha, Nebraska 68103-0330, filed in Docket No. CP01-401-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for permission and approval to abandon, by sale to Wisconsin Gas Company (Wisconsin Gas), pipeline and related facilities, located in Walworth and Waukesha Counties, Wisconsin, and to abandon certain services rendered thereby, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" from the RIMS Menu and follow the instructions (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

Northern proposes to abandon, by sale to Wisconsin Gas the last approximately 9 miles of 24-inch diameter pipeline and appurtenant facilities, which include certain piping, valves, and fittings located at Northern's LaGrange and Eagle Delivery points and valves, a pig receiver, cathodic protection equipment, and other related facilities associated with the 24-inch pipeline (East Leg facilities) and to abandon certain services rendered thereby. Northern also proposes to abandon the measurement equipment located at the LaGrange and Eagle delivery points. In

addition, Northern proposes to abandon and remove the measurement equipment located at a dual farm tap setting. Northern states that these measurement facilities will no longer be required by Northern once the East Leg facilities are acquired by Wisconsin Gas, as proposed herein.

Northern states that Wisconsin Gas is a local distribution company and is exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction under the Hinshaw amendment. Northern declares that upon completion of the acquisition of facilities, Wisconsin Gas will integrate the facilities it acquires from Northern into its existing pipeline system and thus will operate the facilities as a part of its local distribution company system, which is exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Section 1(c) of the NGA, the Hinshaw exemption.

Therefore, Northern requests that the Commission make a determination that the subject facilities are exempt from the Commission's jurisdiction under Section 1(c) of the NGA upon approval of the proposed abandonment by Northern and the subsequent acquisition by Wisconsin Gas, and that Wisconsin Gas' acquisition and operation of the subject facilities will not affect Wisconsin Gas' exemption from Commission jurisdiction under Section 1(c) of the NGA or otherwise subject Wisconsin Gas to Commission jurisdiction.

Northern proposes to abandon all firm and interruptible transportation service provided on the subject facilities. Northern states that it has notified all firm shippers with primary delivery points located on the subject facilities of its intent to abandon the subject facilities by sale to Wisconsin Gas. Northern states that all firm shippers have the opportunity prior to abandonment of the subject facilities to realign firm entitlements currently assigned to point(s) on the subject facilities to any other valid transportation point(s) on Northern's pipeline system, subject to availability of capacity at such point(s) and Northern's FERC Gas Tariff.

Any questions regarding this amendment 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 Michelle Winckowski, Senior Regulatory Analyst, at (402) 398-7082.

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 August 9, 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.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the

need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

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 under the "e-Filing" link.

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. RP01-359-002]**

### **Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

July 19, 2001.

Take notice that on July 10, 2001, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to be effective August 1, 2001. Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 54  
2nd Revised Sheet No. 54A  
Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 61  
Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 62  
Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 63  
Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 64  
Second Revised Sheet No. 300A  
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 301  
Third Revised Sheet No. 301A

Northern states that the revised tariff sheets are being filed in accordance with the Technical Conference held June 26, 2001, which addressed issues in Northern's annual PRA filing.

Northern further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of