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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP03-249-000]

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

February 7, 2003.

Take notice that on February 3, 2003, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) tendered for filing to become part of Northern Border's FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Third Revised Sheet Number 202; and Original Sheet Number 303A to become effective February 1, 2003.

Northern Border states that the purpose of this filing is to incorporate a new section in the general terms and conditions of Northern Border's FERC Gas Tariff to list non-conforming agreements, and to reflect two non-conforming Rate Schedule T-1B Service Agreements between Northern Border and Dynegy Marketing and Trade (Dynegy) to effectuate permanent capacity releases for the two Rate Schedule T-1B contracts with Dynegy. Northern Border states that, under its currently effective tariff, Rate Schedule T-1B does not have a provision for

capacity release. Northern Border states that these two contracts with Dynegy therefore are being filed as non-conforming agreements.

Northern Border states that it is preparing a separate filing to be filed within the next week to revise tariff sheets to clearly state that capacity release is permitted under Rate Schedule T-1B.

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 385.314 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. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02-436-001]

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

February 7, 2003.

Take notice that on January 29, 2003, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in the above referenced docket, an amendment to its original application that was filed on September 30, 2002,

pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and part 157 of the Commission's rules and regulations. The original application sought a certificate of public convenience to construct and operate certain compression, pipeline, and town border station (TBS) facilities, with appurtenances, located in various counties in Minnesota in order to expand the capacity of Northern's Market Area facilities (Project MAX). Northern's amendment proposes to amend its September 30, 2002, application to include the modification of three additional existing TBS facilities and the upgrade of the proposed Popple Creek Compressor Station, all located in Minnesota, all as more fully described in the application. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Northern states that in response to additional customer requests, Northern held an open season from December 13 through December 23, 2002, for capacity on its St. Cloud branchline to provide service beginning November 1, 2003, to be included in Northern's Project MAX expansion. Northern received requests from two customers for 5,770 of incremental throughput and realignment of 9,961 Mcf/d from other Market Area Points. In order to provide such service, Northern proposes to amend the September 30, 2002, application to include the modification of Deerwood TBS, Sherwood Forest TBS, and Sartell #1 TBS and the installation of a 1,500 horsepower (HP) compressor unit instead of the 1,000 HP unit originally proposed at the new Popple Creek Compressor Station. Northern states that it will mitigate the impacts, if necessary, to ensure that the noise level at the noise sensitive areas (NSA) will not exceed the required 55 Ldn noise level. Northern estimates that the total estimated capital cost of the facility modifications proposed is \$457,000. Northern proposes that costs of the facility modifications and the facilities in the September 30, 2002, application be rolled-in to Northern's Market Area rates in its next general rate case once the subject facilities are placed in-service.

Northern requests that the Commission issue an order granting approval of the subject facilities by no