

agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicants' representatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-97-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 3, 2008.

Take notice that on March 25, 2008, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in Docket No. CP08-97-000, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208, 157.210, and 157.211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act for authorization to install and operate the West Leg II Project, located within the states of Nebraska and Iowa, 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, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Specifically, Northern proposes to install and operate: (i) Approximately 0.89 mile of a 30-inch diameter mainline extension to its existing SSC-Paulina C-Line mainline, located in Woodbury County, Iowa; (ii) approximately 10.94 miles of 8-inch diameter branch line loop beginning at a take-off valve on the existing 8-inch diameter Columbus A-Line, located in Colfax County, Nebraska, and ending in the existing Columbus #4 Town Border Station (TBS) yard, located in Platte County, Nebraska; (iii) modify and upgrade an existing TBS, the Columbus #4 TBS, located in Platte County, Nebraska, by replacing the inlet piping and regulator setting and associated fittings, valves, and piping; and (iv) appurtenant section 2.55(a) facilities. Northern estimates the cost of construction to be \$9,128,966. Northern states that the modifications proposed are necessary to provide an incremental 11 MMcf/d of natural gas effective

October 1, 2008, to meet the firm winter obligations as contracted with Archer Daniels Midland Company.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Michael T. Loeffler, Senior Director, Certificates and External Affairs, Northern Natural Gas Company, 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, call (402) 398-7103 or Donna Martens, Senior Regulatory Analyst, at (402) 398-7138.

Any person or the Commission's Staff 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 and, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205) 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

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Notice Announcing Combined Notice of Initial Market-Based Rate Authorization Filings

April 3, 2008.

Effective April 3, 2008, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will issue a separate combined notice of filing separately capturing initial market-based rate authorization filings.

As of this date, the Secretary of the Commission is making the following changes to the filing procedures for initial market-based rate authorization filings:

1. Filers requesting initial market-based rate authorization and certain

waivers and blanket approvals, particularly including blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by the applicants, must clearly state such request in the title or heading of the filing. For example:

Re: Name of Applicant(s), Docket No. ER08-____, (Title/Description) and request for blanket approval under 18 C.F.R. Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

The notices issued under this method for ER dockets will be added to eLibrary and published in the **Federal Register** under the name "Combined Notice of Initial Market-Based Rate Filings." These notices will list initial market-based rate authorization filings added to eLibrary since publication of the last notice. Each filing will be listed with its identifying details as follows:

Name of Applicant(s)—This item will show the applicant name as it appears on the filing.

Docket Number—This item will contain a hyperlink to the eLibrary docket sheet for the docket number.

Description—This item will contain a brief description of the filing and a hyperlink that will open an image version of the filed document in eLibrary.

Filing Date—This item will show the date on which the document was filed with the Commission.

Accession Number—This item will contain a hyperlink that will open the document "Info" area of eLibrary for the filed document.

Comment Date—This item will indicate the comment deadline for the filing.

By this initiative, the Commission seeks to expedite the process for noticing initial market-based rate authorizations that also request blanket approvals for future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities, thereby also simplifying the manner in which the Commission's staff prepares notices. Consolidating notices in this manner also reduces the cost of publishing the notices in the **Federal Register**.

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