

Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties, New York, and Crawford, Erie, and Warren counties, Pennsylvania for \$21,800,000. Norse relates the facilities include 336 miles of pipeline and seven compression facilities.

Norse requests the Commission to declare the pipeline and compressor facilities to be acquired from Columbia as exempt gathering facilities under Section 1(b) of the NGA.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before June 23, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) and the regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party in any proceeding herein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-541-000]

Northern Lights, Inc.; Notice of Application

June 2, 1998.

Take notice that on May 13, 1998, Northern Lights, Inc. (Applicant), 1423 Dover Highway, Sandpoint, Idaho, 83864, filed in Docket No. CP98-541-000 an abbreviated application pursuant to Sections 7(f) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, for permission and approval to grant a service area determination, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Applicant states that it is an electric distribution cooperative currently operating in the states of Idaho and Montana. Applicant further states that upon receipt of the requisite federal, state, and local authorizations, Applicant proposes to construct natural

gas local distribution service and commence providing natural gas local distribution service in several small rural communities located in northwestern Idaho and northeastern Washington state. Applicant requests a service area determination encompassing the Sagle unincorporated area, and the cities Priest River and Old Town and surrounding environs, located in Bonner County, Idaho, and the cities of Newport and Usk and surrounding environs, located in Pend Oreille County, Washington. Applicant asserts that no sales for resale will be contemplated.

Applicant also requests that the Commission determine that Applicant qualifies as a local distribution company in the area proposed as a Section 7(f) service area for purposes of Section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act. Applicant further requests that the Commission grant Applicant a waiver of certain reporting and accounting requirements otherwise applicable to Applicant as a natural gas company.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before June 9, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a petition to intervene or a protest 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding.

Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a petition to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission on this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, and if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further

notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-233-000]

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

June 2, 1998.

Take notice that on May 29, 1998, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing changes in its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1.

Northern states that the filing revises the current Stranded Account No. 858 Surcharge which is designed to recover costs incurred by Northern related to its contracts with third-party pipelines. Therefore, Northern has filed 1 Revised Substitute 43 Sheet Nos. 50 and 51 and the 1 Revised Substitute 40 Revised Sheet No. 53 to be effective July 1, 1998.

Northern states that copies of this filing were served upon the Company's customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in 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 in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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