

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 in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/h.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-369-000]

#### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Application for Permission and Approval To Abandon Interests in Offshore Lateral, Tap and Meter Facilities and Request for Nonjurisdictional Determination

June 2, 2000.

Take notice that on May 25, 2000, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and the Commission's Regulations to abandon interests in offshore lateral, tap and meter facilities and a request for nonjurisdictional determination, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to James J. McElligott, Senior Vice President, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148 at (630) 691-3525.

Specifically Natural requests:

(1) Permission and approval to abandon, by sale to Green Canyon Pipe Line Company, L.L.C. ("Green Canyon"), a nonjurisdictional gathering company, interests in an aggregate of 110.31 miles of various diameter offshore laterals including related tap and meter facilities and appurtenances in the East Cameron ("EC"), West Cameron ("WC"), Eugene Island ("EI"), South Marsh Island

("SMI") and Vermilion ("VR") Areas, offshore Louisiana and in the High Island ("HI") Area, offshore Texas. Specifically, Natural seeks to abandon its interests in lateral facilities connecting gas supply in EC 38A, WC 116A, WC 118 (meter only), WC 165A, WC 225 A and B (meters only) and WC 229A (meter only), EI 57A/D, EI 72 Well #1, EI 133A, EI 305B, EI 331B, EI 341A, EI 361A, HI A-317A, HI A-327/12, HI A-327/16, HI A-472A, HI A-474A, HI A-489B, HI A-499C, HI A-511A, HI A-568A/B/D/F, HI A-573B, SMI 142A, SMI 236A, SMI 288A, VR 262A, VR 369A and VR 386B. Natural will also sell to Green Canyon facilities interests in an aggregate of 70.96 miles of previously abandoned and retired in place lateral facilities, which specifically had connected gas supply in EC 34B, EC 58, WC 28A, WC 436A, EI 321A, EI 345A, HI 68A, HI A-298A, HI A-342B, HI A-343A, HI A-414A, SMI 9CCA and SMI 143B; and

(2) A determination in the Commission's order in the present docket that following abandonment here, and upon transfer to Green Canyon, the subject facilities interests to be abandoned here and those in the previously abandoned/retired in place laterals to be sold will become part of Green Canyon's system and will be nonjurisdictional and not subject to NGA regulation by the Commission.

Natural states that its interests in the subject facilities were originally constructed as a means of receiving gas purchased from various suppliers for Natural's system supply to support Natural's merchant function. Natural's merchant function terminated effective December 1, 1993. Consequently, Natural states that it no longer has a need for the facilities interests to be abandoned in the present application.

Natural states that it proposes to abandon and transfer these facilities interests, as well as Natural's interests in thirteen (13) previously abandoned and retired in place laterals, to Green Canyon for \$1,308,210.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before June 23, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 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 a 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 or its designee on this application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a petition for leave is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

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

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-299-000]

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

June 2, 2000.

Take notice that on May 24, 2000, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets with an effective date of July 1, 2000:

Seventeenth Revised Sheet Number 156  
Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 157

Northern Border proposes to decrease the Maximum Rate for 4.095 cents per 100 Dekatherm-Miles to 4.038 cents per 100 Dekatherm-Miles and to decrease the Minimum Revenue Credit from 2.808 cents per 100 Dekatherm-Miles to 1.625 cents per 100 Dekatherm-Miles. The Maximum Rate reflects Northern Border's rate case at Docket no. RP99-322-000, which was suspended by the Commission in its order dated June 30, 1999 that became effective December 1, 1999. Thus, a portion of this Maximum Rate will be billed subject to refund. The revised Maximum Rate and Minimum Revenue Credit are being in accordance with Northern Border's Tariff provisions under Rate Schedule IT-1.

Northern Border states that copies of the filing have been served to all of