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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-72-000]

#### Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Filing

February 26, 2008.

Take notice that on February 13, 2008, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border), P.O. Box 542500, Omaha, Nebraska 68154-8500, filed an application, pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, requesting the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction, ownership, and operation of a compressor station along with a new receipt point interconnection and appurtenant facilities (Des Plaines Project) in Will County, Illinois. The application is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection. 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://](http://www.ferc.gov)

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The Des Plaines Project is proposed in response to a request of Northern States Power Company, to obtain firm backhaul transportation service of 59,681 Dth/day from a receipt point interconnection with ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) located in Will County Illinois to a delivery point at Ventura, Iowa. The proposed project will consist of one 1,600 horsepower natural gas compressor and related facilities along with a new meter station interconnecting with ANR. The project has a maximum design capacity of 60,000 Dth/day and will be located on property owned by Northern Border. The estimated cost to construct the facilities is \$17,221,000. Northern Border proposed an in-service date of November 1, 2008.

Any questions regarding the application are to be directed to Bambi Heckerman, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, Northern Border Pipeline Company, 13710 FNB Parkway, Omaha, NE 68154-5200; phone number (402) 492-7575 or by e-mail at [bambi\\_heckerman@transcanada.com](mailto:bambi_heckerman@transcanada.com).

Any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the below listed comment date, 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.

Motions to intervene, protests and comments 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. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

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*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EF08-3021-000]

#### Southeastern Power Administration; Notice of Filing

February 26, 2008.

Take notice that on February 8, 2008, the Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy, pursuant to the authority vested by the Department of Energy's Delegation Order Nos. 00-001.00C and 00-037.00, and by sections 302(a) and 301(b) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91), submitted for confirmation and approval on a final basis, Interim Rate Schedules CBR-1-F, CSI-1-F, CEK-1-F, CM-1-F, CC-1-F, CC-1-G, CK1-F, and CTV-1-F, effective February 25, 2008, through September 30, 2008.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF08-7-000]

#### **Liberty Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Liberty Gas Storage Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

February 28, 2008.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will describe the environmental impacts of constructing and operating the Liberty Gas Storage, LLC's (Liberty) proposed Liberty Gas Storage Expansion Project (Project) located in Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes, Louisiana. The FERC will be the lead federal agency in the preparation of this EA which will satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and will be used by the FERC to consider the environmental impacts that could result if the Commission issues Liberty a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Certificate) under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

This notice announces the beginning of the scoping process<sup>1</sup> we will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies about the proposed Project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on March 28, 2008.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties in this proceeding; and local libraries and

newspapers. We encourage government representatives to notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, you may be contacted by a Liberty representative about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain facilities necessary for the proposed Project. Liberty would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, Liberty could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

#### **Summary of the Proposed Project**

Liberty is proposing to construct and operate a new natural gas storage facility on an existing 159.5-acre industrial site, west of Hackberry, in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. The proposed facility would primarily consist of: Four salt dome caverns capable of storing approximately a total of 24 billion cubic feet of natural gas; an 18,940 horsepower compressor station; and an approximately 5.2-mile-long, 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline. Specifically, Liberty is seeking authority to:

- Convert three existing salt dome caverns and develop one new salt dome cavern for natural gas storage;
- Install groundwater supply wells and pipelines;
- Construct a brine pumping system and reservoir;
- Construct a compressor station containing four natural gas driven reciprocating compressors;
- Utilize construction staging areas and access roads; and
- Construct other minor natural gas facilities associated with storage cavern development, compressor station and pipeline operation.

Liberty is also seeking authority to construct:

- An approximately 5.2-mile-long, 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline, beginning at the proposed storage facility site, heading northeast through Black Lake, and connecting to the

Cameron Interstate Pipeline in Calcasieu Parish;

- One meter station;
- Four brine disposal wells at an off-site location; and
- An approximately 3.0-mile-long, 16-inch-diameter brine disposal pipeline, beginning at the proposed storage facility site and heading southeast to the proposed disposal wells.

Additionally, Liberty is proposing to:

- Utilize a nominal 100-foot-wide right-of-way (ROW) for construction of the proposed approximately 5.2-mile-long, 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline (Liberty has also indicated that pipeline construction through Black Lake would require the use of a significantly wider construction ROW);
- Utilize a nominal 65-foot-wide ROW for construction of the proposed approximately 3.0-mile-long, 16-inch-diameter brine disposal pipeline; and
- Utilize permanent rights-of-way, 50 and 30 feet wide, for maintenance of the natural gas and brine disposal pipelines, respectively.

A general map of the proposed facilities is provided in Appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Land Requirements for Construction**

Construction of the proposed facilities including workspace, staging yards, and access roads would require the temporary use of approximately 336 acres of land. Operation and maintenance of the proposed facilities would require the permanent use of approximately 32 acres of land. Land affected by construction, but not required for operation and maintenance would be restored and allowed to revert to its former use.

#### **The Environmental Review and Assessment Processes**

The Commission's staff has initiated a pre-filing environmental review of Liberty's proposed project. The purpose of the pre-filing environmental review is to identify and resolve potential environmental issues prior to the submission of an application for a Certificate by Liberty. During a pre-filing environmental review, the public is encouraged to comment on environmental issues related to the proposed Project.

Upon completion of staff's pre-filing environmental review, Liberty has indicated that it would file an application for a Certificate. Based upon

<sup>1</sup> The National Environmental Policy Act requires the Commission to undertake a process to identify and address concerns the public may have about a proposed project. This process is commonly referred to as the "scoping process".

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of all appendices, other than Appendix 1, are available on the Commission's Web site or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.