

pursuant to section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act.

Natural states that its interests in the MUI 758A Lateral and the MUI 758A Receiving Station were originally constructed as a means of receiving gas purchased from Chevron U.S.A. Inc. for Natural's system supply to support Natural's merchant function. It is stated that 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 to Green Canyon for \$0 as these facilities have already been fully depreciated.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 7, 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 157.20). 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 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 motion 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 herein 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. RP00-371-001]

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

August 17, 2000.

Take notice that on August 14, 2000, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) tendered for filing to become part of Northern Border Pipeline Company's FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective July 1, 2000:

Substitute First Revised Sheet Number 120  
Substitute Second Revised Sheet Number 121  
Substitute Second Revised Sheet Number 275

The purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's letter order issued July 28, 2000 in Docket No. RP00-371-000. The Commission's July 28, 2000 letter order required Northern Border to revise language on three of the proposed tariff sheets. In this filing, Northern Border is proposing tariff language in accordance with the Commission's July 28, 2000 letter order. In subsection 5.12 of First Revised Sheet Number 120, Northern Border has revised the first sentence to reference the five year matching limitation. In subsection 5.13 of Sheet Number 120 and subsection 5.22 on Substitute Second Revised Sheet Number 121, no changes are now being proposed to the currently effective tariff language, "fully allocated cost". On Substitute Second Revised Sheet Number 275, subsection 27.21 (a) and (b), the words "an effective" was deleted and replaced with the word "a".

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such 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. 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/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 184-065]

#### El Dorado Irrigation District, Notice of Scoping Meetings, Site Visit, and Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

August 17, 2000.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is reviewing the application for a new license for the El Dorado Project (FERC No. 184), which was filed on February 22, 2000. The El Dorado Project, licensed to the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID), is located on the South Fork American River, in El Dorado, Alpine, and Amador counties, California. The project occupies lands administered by the El Dorado National Forest.

The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the El Dorado Project, which will be used by the Commission to determine whether, and under what conditions, to issue a new license for the project. To support and assist our environmental review, we are beginning the public scoping process to ensure that all pertinent issues are identified and analyzed, and that the environmental document is thorough and balanced.

We invite the participation of government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the general public in the scoping process, and have prepared Scoping Document 1 (SD1) to provide information on the proposed project and to solicit written and verbal comments and suggestions on our preliminary list of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS. The SD1 has been distributed to parties on the Service List for this proceeding, as well as other individuals and organizations that we have identified as having previously expressed an interest in this project. The SD1 is available from our Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371. It can also be accessed online at <http://rimsweb1.ferc.fed.us/rims/>.