

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/>.

We all hold two scoping meetings to receive input on the appropriate scope of the environmental analysis. A public meeting will be held on September 20, 2000, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers, Building A, 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA. The second meeting will be held on September 21, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1209 L Street, Sacramento, CA. The public and agencies may attend either or both meetings.

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staffs preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EIS; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record for this Commission proceeding.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EIS.

The applicant and Commission staff will conduct a project site visit beginning on Tuesday, September 19 and continuing on Wednesday, September 20, 2000. We will meet at the El Dorado Project forebay recreational area in Pollock Pines on September Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. on September 19, 2000 and at the Caples Lake Resort on Highway 88 at 9:00 a.m. on September 20, 2000. More information on the meetings and site visit is provided in the SD1.

Please review the SD1 and, if you wish to provide oral or written input, follow the instructions in section 3.0. Please note that scoping comments must be received by the close of business on October 23, 2000. All correspondence should clearly show at the top of the first page "El Dorado Project, FERC No. 184-065." Address all communications to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Please direct any questions about the scoping process to John M. Mudre at (202) 219-1208.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent to Surrender Exemption

August 17, 2000.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Application Type*: Surrender of Exemption.
- b. *Project No.*: P-6630-004.
- c. *Date Filed*: July 17, 2000.
- d. *Applicant*: Y-8 Hydro Partnership.
- e. *Name of Project*: Y-8 Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location*: The Y-8 Hydroelectric Project is located on Y Canal in Gooding County near Bliss, Idaho.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(c)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact*: Blaine A. Graff, Y-8 Hydro, P.O. Box 7867, Boise, ID 83707, (208) 395-8930.
- i. *FERC Contact*: Stefanie Damiani at *stefanie.damiani@ferc.fed.us*, or telephone (202) 219-2684.
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions, or protests*: September 18, 2000.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Please include the project number (P-6630-004) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project*: The project consists of: (1) a reinforced concrete diversion/intake structure at the Y-8 Canal headworks; (2) a 130-foot-long, 36-inch-diameter buried steel pipe; (3) a powerhouse containing 1 turbine connected to 2 generators with a combined capacity of 75 kW; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The project has experienced periodic maintenance and operating problems and has not operated since August 1997, therefore the exemptee requests surrender of the exemption.

l. *Locations of the application*: A copy of the notices and letters are available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room,

located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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