



October 31, 2005

Ms. Magalie Salas, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Northern Border Pipeline Company  
Docket No. RP06-

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to Section 4(e) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, and Subpart D of Part 154, specifically Section 154.312 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) Regulations and the Stipulation and Agreement (Settlement) in Docket No. RP99-322-000,<sup>1</sup> Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) submits revised tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to be included in its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1. The tariff sheets listed on Appendix A are Northern Border's Primary Tariff Sheets proposed in the instant filing to become effective on December 1, 2005. Northern Border expects that the rate increase proposed herein will be subject to a five month suspension period and placed into effect on May 1, 2006.

Included in Northern Border's preferred Primary Tariff Sheets is a proposal for a surcharge mechanism detailed in the Statement of Nature, Reasons and Basis. However, should Northern Border not be permitted to recover the identified costs pursuant to the Primary Tariff Sheets, Northern Border has provided Alternate Tariff Sheets listed in Appendix B which do not contain the proposed surcharge. The base rates in the Alternate Tariff Sheets reflect costs that are otherwise included in the surcharge that would be established by the Primary Tariff Sheets.

In addition, Northern Border has filed certain Pro Forma Tariff Sheets that are listed in Appendices C and D that would be effective on a prospective basis following a Commission order on the merits or a settlement of this proceeding. The Pro Forma Tariff Sheets listed on Appendix C reflect a proposal for a revenue crediting mechanism associated with a proposed short term firm rate. The Alternate Pro Forma Tariff Sheets listed on Appendix D reflect the proposed revenue crediting mechanism associated with a proposed short term rate that includes in base rates, costs that otherwise are included in the proposed surcharge contained in the Primary Tariff Sheets.

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<sup>1</sup> 93 FERC ¶ 61,261 (2000).



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In accordance with Section 154.7 (a)(6) of the Commission's Regulations, the following contains Northern Border's "Statement of Nature, Reasons and Basis" for the instant filing.

Statement of Nature, Reasons and Basis

Pursuant to Article VI.B. of the Stipulation and Agreement in Northern Border's last rate case at Docket No. RP99-322, Northern Border is required to file a general rate case on November 1, 2005. This filing is being made in compliance with such requirement. It has been six years since Northern Border's last rate case proceeding. Northern Border's ability to recontract all of its capacity on a long term fully compensatory basis as discussed by Northern Border witnesses Miller, Peters, Behrens and Fonda in Statement P has significantly diminished. As a result, Northern Border faces significantly increased risks and greater risks than those faced by many other pipelines. The heightened risk encountered by Northern Border includes changes in supply factors, uncontracted capacity, more frequent need to seek resubscriptions, shortened contract terms, discounted transportation service and changes in the pipeline infrastructure grid. In order to address heightened risks, Northern Border is proposing in this proceeding to change its rate design to more effectively recognize the market and supply realities that it faces and to better align contracts with revenue responsibility.

In this proceeding, Northern Border seeks an increase in its base transportation rates, also known as the maximum recourse transportation rates, under Rate Schedule(s) T-1, IT-1, and T-1B. Northern Border is proposing a rate decrease in the maximum rates under Rate Schedule PAL. Northern Border does not propose to change the rate for Rate Schedule TPB. The proposed increase in transportation rates results largely from increased costs of capital due to increased financial risks associated with, inter alia, reductions in contract terms, uncontracted capacity and discounting, and increased depreciation rates prompted by declines in supply availability. The increase in rates also results from the reduction in throughput and billing determinants precipitated by numerous natural gas market and infrastructure changes.

As mentioned above, Northern Border is proposing to change its rate design in this proceeding. Specifically, Northern Border is proposing to create a Supply Zone for purposes of deriving rates and charging shippers under its Rate Schedules T-1, T-1B, and IT. The Supply Zone base transportation rate is proposed to contain the costs of the pipeline associated with the geographical area located from Port of Morgan, Montana and extending to the county line located between Morton and Emmons Counties, North Dakota at Milepost 396, which is downstream of the constraint point on the system near



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Glen Ullin, North Dakota. The proposed maximum base rates for transportation in the Supply Zone are calculated on a uniform, per dekatherm basis. The Supply Zone proposal reflects how the market uses Northern Border's system and its physical constraints. The Supply Zone is essentially where all of the natural gas that enters Northern Border's system is received and where there are generally no market deliveries. Downstream of the Supply Zone would be designated the Market Area which contains the majority of Northern Border's pipeline system, on a mileage basis, and includes the area along Northern Border's pipeline system that extends east from Milepost 396 to the terminus of its pipeline located at North Hayden, Indiana. The Market Area encompasses approximately 853 miles and numerous delivery points. The maximum base rate for transportation in the Market Area will continue to be stated on a per 100 dekatherm-mile basis.

The enclosed Statement P, in Volumes II and III of this filing, contains prepared direct testimony and exhibits supporting Northern Border's Primary, Alternate, and Pro Forma Tariff Sheets. Set out below is a summary of some of the primary topics addressed by each of Northern Border's witnesses:

Witness	Testimony
Paul F. Miller	Business risks and Policy supporting new rate design, Statement O
Jerry L. Peters	Financial risks, Selection of equity return, Income tax; Company's Tariff and Commission Policy, Statements F-1, L and M
John J. Jesse III	Capital structure and Cost of debt
Paul R. Moul	Range of Return on Equity
William E. Fonda	Impact on Northern Border's contracting due to changes in supply and market, Statement G, Primary Tariff Sheets related to certain proposed changes and Data for discount adjustment
Raymond D. Neppel	History of physical design and contracting, Statements I & J, certain Primary Tariff Sheets and Alternate Tariff Sheets and the Pro Forma Tariff Sheets

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Witness	Testimony
Alan M. Behrens	Data regarding gas price differentials, other pertinent markets and comparisons to NBPL's rates and electric compressor power costs
Edward H. Feinstein	Depreciation and Negative salvage rates
Walter W. Haessel	Canadian Supply Basin projections
Thomas J. Halpin	Terminal cost study
Adrian L. Moorhead	Northern Border's rate design proposals conform to Commission's Policy
Peter L. Faber	Income tax rates
Gary D. Lauderdale	Analysis of certain pipelines with LDC affiliates in the Corporate Pipeline Group
Bambi L. Heckerman	Overall cost of service, rate base and return, regulatory assets and liability, operations and maintenance expense and Accounting treatment for Fort Peck lease option payments
Patricia M. Wiederholt	Gas plant in service, materials and supplies, prepayments and depreciation and amortization expense
David M. Thompson	Accumulated deferred income taxes in rate base, and income taxes and taxes other than income in cost of service

Northern Border's proposed rates are consistent with the Commission's policy and implement Commission-approved practices. First, Northern Border continues to design rates using the Commission's straight fixed variable (SFV) method for classifying costs between the fixed and variable cost categories. Secondly, Northern Border has employed, in its calculation of its billing determinants, an adjustment for discounts that were given in order to meet competition, in accordance with the goals and directives of the Commission's Policy Statement regarding discounting by natural gas pipelines.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Policy for Selective Discounting by Natural Gas Pipelines, 111 FERC ¶ 61,309 (2005).



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Thirdly, Northern Border has designed its Rate Schedule IT-1 maximum rate on the basis of the Commission's preferred 100% load factor equivalent of the Rate Schedule T-1 firm transportation rate for the Supply Zone and the Market Area.

In addition, Northern Border has calculated its cost of service in accordance with Section 39 of the General Terms and Conditions of Northern Border's currently effective FERC Gas Tariff. Northern Border's witness Jerry L. Peters explains in his testimony why this practice has benefited shippers. He also provides evidence related to the Commission's recent Policy Statement, 111 FERC ¶ 61,139 (2005).

#### Reasons for the Proposed Increase in Rates

Northern Border's cost of service and rate determination reflects the costs and throughput for the Base Period (twelve months ended July 31, 2005), and as adjusted through the Test Period ending April 30, 2006. The effect of the proposed rates is an overall increase in Rate Schedule T-1 revenue of 7.8% or approximately \$24 million annually. The following table summarizes the impact of the proposed cost of service increase and rate design change on the major firm transportation paths. Comparing the currently effective rate for firm transportation, excluding ACA, to the rates filed in the Primary Tariff Sheets herein shows an increase to the three most often utilized transportation paths (there are twenty-nine contracted paths on Northern Border's system). The following table summarizes the resulting proposed rate increase:

	Existing Rate \$/Dkt	Proposed Rate \$/Dkt <sup>1</sup>	Increase \$/Dkt	% Increase %
Port of Morgan to Ventura, IA	.3007	.3178	.0171	5.8
Port of Morgan to Harper, IA	.3545	.3800	.0255	7.3
Port of Morgan to Manhattan, IL	.4446	.4842	.0396	9.1

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<sup>1</sup> Per Primary Tariff Sheets Statement of Rates Rate Schedule T-1 Maximum Reservation, Maximum Commodity for Supply Zone and Market Area plus Compressor Usage Surcharge.

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These three paths represent 73% of Northern Border's total Rate Schedule T-1 revenue requirement. The impact on the other 26 paths is reflected in Schedules G-1 and G-2, incorporated herein by reference. The aggregate cost of service impact is approximately the same under the Alternate Tariff Sheets as that described above.

The major reasons for the rate increase are attributable to the following:

1. Capitalization and Increased Return on Equity

The proposed rates incorporate an overall cost of capital of 10.56 percent, based on Northern Border's actual, stand alone, capitalization. Northern Border's filed overall rate of return is as follows:

	<u>Capitalization Ratio</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Weighted Cost</u>
Long Term Debt	50.73%	7.01%	3.56%
Equity	49.27%	14.20%	<u>7.00%</u>
Overall Rate of Return			10.56%

Northern Border witness John J. Jesse III supports the use of Northern Border's actual capital structure for the purposes of calculating Northern Border's return allowance because Northern Border issues its own non-guaranteed debt, has a bond rating separate from its owners and has an equity ratio that is within the range of equity rates accepted by the Commission. Northern Border's cost of equity range is supported by Northern Border witness Paul R. Moul, who testifies that a reasonable equity allowance ranges from 13.0% to 14.5%. Based on the business and financial risks and circumstances faced by Northern Border as discussed by Northern Border witnesses Peters, Miller, Behrens, and Fonda, Northern Border is requesting a return on equity of 14.20%.

2. Increased Depreciation Rates and Negative Salvage

The proposed base rates reflect an increase in Northern Border's transmission plant depreciation rate from 2.25% to 2.84%, and the institution of a negative salvage rate of 0.59%.

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Northern Border's evidence shows that the pertinent potential supply base for Northern Border supports an average remaining life of 23.8 years and thus an increase in Northern Border's depreciation rate. Northern Border witness Halpin supplies a terminal value study in support of witness Feinstein's recommendation of a 0.59% negative salvage rate.

3. Decreased Billing Determinants

Six years ago, Northern Border was fully contracted with an average remaining term of contracts of over six years. During the past year, Northern Border has experienced uncontracted capacity, been forced to discount its transportation rate in order to meet competition and is facing an average remaining term of its contracts of approximately two years. Furthermore, Northern Border faces strong market pressure to discount its transportation to meet competition, particularly in the shoulder months and Northern Border's billing determinants should reflect these circumstances.

Rolled-In Rate Treatment for Chicago III Expansion

In an order from the Commission dated August 18, 2005, a certificate of convenience and necessity was issued to Northern Border to construct, own and operate a new electric powered compressor station (CS) located near Iowa City, Iowa and to make certain other facility modifications at compressor stations 17 and 18 to increase capacity by 130 MMcf/d between Harper, Iowa and the Chicago market area. Northern Border witness Neppel provides testimony and exhibits supporting the request for rolled-in rate treatment in this proceeding for the Chicago III Expansion project that is anticipated to be in-service on April 1, 2006.

Primary Tariff Sheets

Northern Border's proposed revisions to its Primary Tariff Sheets to be effective December 1, 2005 include a) a revision to rate design to reflect a Supply Zone; b) establishment of a Compressor Usage Surcharge; c) revised base rates which reflect a revised cost of service; d) revisions to the notification periods relating to the right of first refusal; e) other revisions to the right of first refusal; f) a revision to Rate Schedule T-1B regarding the rate to be charged for the utilization of secondary points which alter the directional flow of a discounted rate; g) a revision to the process for establishing and posting the "Posted Btu Factor"; h) revisions to Subsection 26.2 of the General Terms and Conditions regarding posting of available capacity; and i) revisions to Section 27 of



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the General Terms and Conditions to reflect the addition of a Supply Zone which is calculated on a dekatherm basis. Such tariff changes are more fully described below:

a) Rate Design

As discussed earlier, Northern Border is proposing to change its rate design for Rate Schedule T-1. By this filing, Northern Border would designate a Supply Zone and a Market Area.

b) Compressor Usage Surcharge and Tracking Mechanism

Northern Border is proposing to establish a Compressor Usage Surcharge to recover the actual costs incurred at Northern Border's electric compressors related to electricity as well as use taxes imposed on the consumption of natural gas quantities at gas powered stations along its system. The difference between actual and the recovered cost in the surcharge will be calculated through the end of each February and an adjustment will be reflected in the surcharge beginning each May 1.

c) Revised Base Rates

Northern Border is revising its cost of service and seeking an increase in its base transportation rates for Rate Schedule(s) T-1, IT-1, and T-1B. Northern Border also is seeking a decrease in the maximum rates of Rate Schedule PAL. No change is proposed for the rate under Rate Schedule TPB.

d) Right of First Refusal

Northern Border is proposing to revise Section 5 of Rate Schedule T-1 to shorten the various notification time periods associated with actions required under the Right of First Refusal.

e) Credit

Northern Border is proposing to amend Section 5.1 of Rate Schedule T-1 to add language which requires a Shipper to be current with its obligations in order to continue service.



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f) Rate Schedule T-1B Directional Flow Discount

Northern Border is proposing to revise Subsection 3.2 of Rate Schedule T-1B to add language which provides that if secondary points are utilized which impact the directional flow of a discounted transaction, such discount shall not apply to such secondary points and utilization of such secondary points shall be subject to the maximum commodity rate under Rate Schedule IT-1.

g) Posted Btu Factor

The definition for the term "Posted Btu Factor" is being revised to reflect an annual recalculation to be posted by April 20 of each year to be effective May 1 of each year.

h) Posting of Available Capacity

Northern Border herein is filing to revise Subsection 26.2 of its General Terms and Conditions. Such tariff sheets are being filed to supersede the compliance tariff sheets submitted in Docket No. RP03-563 on December 3, 2003 which have not received Commission approval.

i) Bid Formula

Northern Border is proposing to revise the bid evaluation methods in Section 27 of the General Terms and Conditions to reflect Northern Border's proposed rate design involving the two separate transportation rate areas, the Supply Zone and Market Area. The proposed revisions to the bid evaluation method incorporate the addition of the Supply Zone, the rate for which is calculated on a dekatherm basis.

The Primary Tariff Sheets are listed on Appendix A.

Alternate Tariff Sheets

The Alternate Tariff Sheets listed on Appendix B reflect the deletion of any reference to the Compressor Usage Surcharge and incorporate into base rates, costs that otherwise would have been recovered under the surcharge.

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Appendix B Tariff Sheets, if placed into effect, would replace only those Appendix A Tariff Sheets designated by an asterisk on Appendix A. The balance of the Appendix A Tariff Sheets (the "Common Primary Tariff Sheets") would be placed into effect along with the Appendix B Tariff Sheets.

#### Pro Forma Tariff Sheets

The Pro Forma Tariff Sheets listed on Appendix C reflect changes proposed in the Primary Tariff Sheets, but include a proposal that would only become effective on a prospective basis as a result of a settlement or hearing in this case. Such revised tariff sheets reflect the provision for a short term firm rate in addition to the standard long term rate in Rate Schedule T-1 and the establishment of a reservation charge crediting mechanism described in Section 46 of the General Terms and Conditions. Such mechanism would benefit customers by having Northern Border credit excess revenues arising from short term firm rates.

The Alternate Pro Forma Tariff Sheets listed on Appendix D reflect the Alternate Tariff Sheets for the deletion of any references to the Compressor Usage Surcharge. Such Alternate Pro Forma Tariff Sheets reflect the provision for a short term firm rate in addition to the standard long term rate in Rate Schedule T-1 and the establishment of a reservation charge crediting mechanism as described above.

#### Statement of Issues

Pursuant to Order No. 663, 112 FERC ¶ 61,297 (2005) and Section 4(e) of the Natural Gas Act, Northern Border identifies the following issues: (1) should Northern Border's proposed rates and corresponding filed Primary Tariff Sheets (or Alternate Tariff Sheets and Common Primary Tariff Sheets, if the preferred Primary Tariff Sheets are not accepted) be implemented as requested, (2) should Northern Border be allowed rolled-in rate treatment for the Chicago III Expansion Project (Docket No. CP05-88) and 3) should the Pro Forma Tariff Sheets be accepted for filing.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Northern Border reserves its rights and does not limit its ability to seek further relief regarding the instant filing or issues ultimately arising thereunder pursuant to the NGA by virtue of this section.

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Motion to Place the Proposed Rates into Effect

- (1) While the tariff sheets filed herein reflect a December 1, 2005 effective date, because this filing reflects a rate increase, Northern Border anticipates that the Commission will suspend the effectiveness of the proposed increase until May 1, 2006. Northern Border hereby moves pursuant to Sections 154(a)(9) and 154.206(c), that the tariff sheets in Appendix A be placed into effect December 1, 2005, or if subject to suspension, May 1, 2006. Alternatively, Northern Border requests that the Alternate Tariff Sheets be placed into effect (but only if the Primary Tariff Sheets designated by an asterisk on Appendix A are not placed into effect), along with the Common Primary Tariff Sheets, as of December 1, 2005, or if suspended, May 1, 2006. Northern Border reserves the right under Section 154.206 to file a separate motion to place rates into effect, if necessary.
- (2) Northern Border also requests that the tariff sheets contained in Appendix C (if the Primary Tariff Sheets are made effective) or Appendix D (if the Alternate Tariff Sheets are made effective) be accepted for filing and such procedures as the Commission directs.<sup>4</sup>
- (3) Such other relief as necessary to achieve the results identified in (1) and (2).

Request for Waiver and Other Commission Action

Pursuant to Section 154.7(a)(7) of the Commission's regulations, Northern Border respectfully requests that the Commission grant all waivers necessary to effectuate this filing. Specifically, Northern Border requests waiver of Section 154.207, due to the requirement of the Docket No. RP99-322 Settlement that this filing be made on November 1, 2005, in order to allow the proposed tariff sheets to become effective on the date proposed therein, and, to the extent necessary, to implement on a prospective basis Northern Border's proposals proposed to be effective after a Commission order on the merits or settlement. Northern Border also requests any other waiver of the Commission's regulations including those under Parts 154, 284 and 385, or any other Commission rule, order, policy or pronouncement, as necessary to implement the tariff sheets and collect the rates included as part of the instant filing.

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<sup>4</sup> Northern Border reserves its rights and does not limit its ability to seek further relief regarding the instant filing or issues ultimately arising thereunder pursuant to the NGA by virtue of this section.



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Exhibit Nos. NB-12, Schedules 2 and 3, contain Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) related to Northern Border's facilities. Northern Border has marked these Schedules of this Exhibit containing privileged information "CONTAINS PRIVILEGED INFORMATION - DO NOT RELEASE". Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. Section 388.112, Northern Border requests confidential treatment due to CEII. Accordingly, Northern Border is submitting two originals of Volume II, one containing the CEII materials and the other without the CEII information. The person to contact regarding the request for CEII treatment is:

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#### Electronic Filing Requirements

Pursuant to Section 154.4 of the Commission's regulations, this filing includes a computer disk containing all statements and schedules contained in this application in electronic media in the same format generated by the spreadsheet software used in developing the statements to the extent possible.

#### Materials Included in this Filing

Pursuant to Section 154.7(a)(1) of the Commission's regulations, Northern Border has enclosed the original and twelve (12) copies of the following material:

##### Volume 1

- A. Transmittal Letter including Statement for Nature, Basis and Reasons for Filing;
- B. Federal Register Notice and one diskette containing a copy of the notice;



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- C. A certificate of service;
- D. Statement of authorized accounting representative pursuant to § 154.308 of the Commission's Regulations;
- E. Listing of Primary Tariff Sheets (Attached as Appendix A);
- F. Listing of Alternate Tariff Sheets (Attached as Appendix B);
- G. Listing of Pro Forma Primary Tariff Sheets (Attached as Appendix C);
- H. Listing of Alternate Pro Forma Tariff Sheets (Attached as Appendix D);
- I. Primary Tariff Sheets (Filed and Marked Version) and one diskette containing the filed Primary Tariff Sheets (File Name: Primary Sheets - TF110105.ASC);
- J. Alternate Tariff Sheets (Filed and Marked Version) and one diskette containing the filed Alternate Tariff Sheets (File Name: Alternate Sheets - TF110105.BSC);
- K. Pro Forma Tariff Sheets and Alternate Pro Forma Tariff Sheets (Without Compressor Usage Surcharge) (Clean and Marked Versions) and one diskette containing the Pro Forma Tariff Sheets and Alternate Pro Forma Tariff Sheets (File Names: Pro Forma Tariff Sheets.doc and Alternate Pro Forma Tariff Sheets.doc);
- L. Statements A through O; and
- M. Alternate Statements and Schedules A, G, H-1, H-4, I-1, I-2, I-3, J, J-1, J-1.a and J-2.

Volume 2

Statement P – Prepared Direct Testimony/Exhibits (P.F. Miller through G.D. Lauderdale)



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Statement P - Prepared Direct Testimony/Exhibits (A.L. Moorhead through P.R. Moul)

Further, Northern Border will file Schedules G-1 through G-6 with the Commission and will serve these schedules on the state commissions and will also serve such schedules on parties which request such service within fifteen (15) days after the date of this instant filing, in accordance with Section 154.312(j)(2) of the Commission's Regulations.

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\*Designated for service in accordance with Rule 203 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Northern Border requests the Commission waive Rule 203(b)(3) to allow three persons to be designated to receive service.



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The undersigned hereby certifies that she has read this filing and knows (i) the contents of the paper copies and electronic media; (ii) that the paper copies contain the same information as contained on the electronic media; (iii) that the contents as stated in the copies and on the electronic media are true to the best of her knowledge and belief; and (iv) that she possesses full power and authority to sign this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary  
Northern Plains Natural Gas Company, LLC  
Operator

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Attachments

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Northern Border Pipeline Company )

Docket No. RP06- -000

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN FERC GAS TARIFF**

Take notice that on November 1, 2005, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) tendered for filing as part of its First Revised Volume No. 1 of its FERC Gas Tariff, revised tariff sheets set forth in Appendix A (Primary Tariff Sheets) to effectuate changes in the rates and terms applicable to Northern Border's jurisdictional services. The effect of the proposed rates is an overall increase in revenues of approximately 7.8% above the Base Period revenues.

The changes reflected in the Primary Tariff Sheets to be effective December 1, 2005, are required to effectuate the rate increase and to make certain changes to Northern Border's tariff. If the entire set of Primary Tariff Sheets is not accepted by the Commission, Northern Border has filed Alternate Tariff Sheets as set forth in Appendix B and as explained in the filing which would replace certain sheets contained in the Primary Tariff Sheets listed in Appendix A. This rate case is filed in compliance with the Stipulation and Agreement at Docket No. RP99-322-000 (93 FERC ¶ 61,261 (2000)). In addition, Northern Border proposes for filing, Pro Forma Tariff Sheets which reflect further changes to become effective on a prospective basis following a Commission order on the merits or a settlement of this proceeding.

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 and 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 in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.



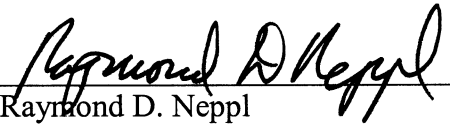
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Magalie R. Salas  
Secretary

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served upon all shippers on Northern Border's system and interested state regulatory commissions, in accordance with the requirements of Section 385.2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.


Dated at Omaha, Nebraska this 1st day of November, 2005

  
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Raymond D. Neppel  
Vice President

**STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZED ACCOUNTING REPRESENTATIVE**  
**RATE FILING OF NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY**  
**OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005**

**TO THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION:**

I, Jerry L. Peters, Vice President of Finance and Treasurer for Northern Plains Natural Gas Company, LLC ("Northern Plains") which is the Operator of Northern Border Pipeline Company, do hereby represent that the cost statements and supporting data submitted as part of the above-mentioned filing by Northern Border Pipeline Company, together with working papers required therein, which purport to reflect the books of the Company, do, in fact, set forth the results shown by such books.

  
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Jerry L. Peters  
Vice President, Finance and Treasurer  
Northern Plains Natural Gas Company, LLC  
Operator

Dated: October 26, 2005

## **APPENDIX A**

* Sixth Revised Sheet No. 98	Original Sheet No. 212A
* Original Sheet No. 98A	Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 213
* Original Sheet No. 98B	Sixth Revised Sheet No. 214
* Sixth Revised Sheet No. 99	Third Revised Sheet No. 216
* Fifth Revised Sheet No. 101	Fifth Revised Sheet No. 217
* Original Sheet No. 101.01	Sixth Revised Sheet No. 266
* Fourth Revised Sheet No. 101A	Sixth Revised Sheet No. 270
Third Revised Sheet No. 102A	First Revised Sheet No. 270A
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 103	Original Sheet No. 270B
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 104	Original Sheet No. 270C
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 105	Sixth Revised Sheet No. 283
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 106	Fourth Revised Sheet No. 284
Third Revised Sheet No. 106A	Original Sheet No. 284A
* Fifth Revised Sheet No. 134	Sixth Revised Sheet No. 287
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 135	Second Revised Sheet No. 300H.02
* Twenty-Second Revised Sheet No. 156	First Revised Sheet No. 305
* Nineteenth Revised Sheet No. 157	Original Sheet No. 306
First Revised Sheet No. 179A	Sheet Nos. 307 - 399
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 180	Fifth Revised Sheet No. 406
* Original Sheet No. 180A	Fifth Revised Sheet No. 425
* Sixth Revised Sheet No. 181	Fifth Revised Sheet No. 429B
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 202	Seventh Revised Sheet No. 431
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 207A	Fifth Revised Sheet No. 435
Eighth Revised Sheet No. 212	Fifth Revised Sheet No. 455

\* Denotes the Primary Tariff Sheets that would be replaced if the Commission accepts the Alternate Tariff Sheets on Appendix B to become effective in addition to the remaining Primary Tariff Sheets on this Appendix A.

## **APPENDIX B**

Alternate Sixth Revised Sheet No. 98  
Alternate Original Sheet No. 98A  
Alternate Original Sheet No. 98B  
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Alternate Fourth Revised Sheet No. 101A  
Alternate Fifth Revised Sheet No. 134  
Alternate Twenty-Second Revised Sheet No. 156  
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## **APPENDIX D**

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Alternate Pro Forma Sheet No. 202  
Alternate Pro Forma Sheet No. 306  
Alternate Pro Forma Sheet No. 307  
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