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Re: Northern Border Pipeline Company
Natural Gas Act Pipeline Maps Compliance Filing
Docket No. RP15-_____-_____

Dear Ms. Bose:

Pursuant to Section 154 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("FERC" or "Commission") regulations,¹ Northern Border Pipeline Company ("Northern Border") hereby submits for filing the tariff section included as Appendix A to be part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1 ("Tariff").² The purpose of this filing is to comply with new FERC regulations regarding interstate natural gas pipeline maps. Northern Border respectfully requests that the Commission approve the revised tariff section to become effective June 1, 2015.

Correspondence

The names, titles and mailing addresses of the persons to whom correspondence and communications concerning this filing should be directed are as follows:

¹ 18 C.F.R. Part 154 (2015).

² Part 3 – Maps ("Section 3").

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Statement of the Nature, Reasons, and Basis for Filing

On November 20, 2014, in Docket No. RM14-21-000, the Commission issued Order No. 801,³ which revised Part 154 of its regulations governing interstate natural gas pipeline system maps, in an effort to reduce the regulatory burden on pipelines and to enhance transparency. Previously, the regulations required that pipelines maintain a system map within their respective tariffs,⁴ and specified the content of those maps as well as the deadline for filing updated maps.⁵ Order No. 801 eliminated the requirement that pipelines include system maps in their tariffs as well as the requirement that pipelines must file updated maps by April 30 of any year following a major system change. Furthermore, as the Commission retained the requirement that pipelines post and maintain a system map on their Internet websites, Order No. 801 implemented a quarterly requirement for updating such website maps. Specifically, Section 154.103(a) was revised to require that a pipeline's tariff include a tariff section to accommodate a uniform resource locator ("URL") for the Internet address of its system map. A corresponding change was made to Section 154.106(a) requiring a tariff to state a URL on the pipeline's website.⁶ Within Section 154.106(c), the annual April 30 filing requirement for tariff maps was replaced with the requirement that the maps posted on a pipeline's website must be updated for major changes "no later than the end of the calendar quarter that immediately follows the calendar quarter in which the major change occurred." Finally, Order No. 801 stated that pipelines are not

³ *Natural Gas Act Pipeline Maps*, 149 FERC ¶ 61,133 (2014) ("Order No. 801").

⁴ 18 C.F.R. Part 154.103(a) - Composition of Tariff ("Section 154.103") (2014).

⁵ 18 C.F.R. Part 154.106 - Map ("Section 154.106") (2014).

⁶ Section 154.106(a) states in its entirety, "The tariff must state a uniform resource locator on the pipeline's Internet website, at which the general public may display and download the pipeline's system maps."

required to submit an initial compliance filing until April 1, 2015.⁷ In the compliance filing, the pipeline must reference an online map updated at least through December 31, 2014.⁸

In the instant filing, Northern Border is submitting revised Section 3, attached hereto, to reflect the changes required by the Commission in Order No. 801. The map in Section 3 has been replaced with a URL by which Northern Border's system map, updated through December 31, 2014, may be displayed or downloaded.

Effective Date and Request for Waiver

Northern Border requests that the Commission accept the revised Section 3 included as Appendix A to be effective June 1, 2015.

Other Filings That May Affect This Proceeding

There are no other filings before the Commission that may significantly affect the changes proposed herein.

Material Enclosed

In accordance with Section 154.7 of the Commission's regulations, Northern Border is submitting the following XML filing package, which includes:

1. This transmittal letter;
2. Clean tariff section (Appendix A); and
3. Marked tariff section (Appendix B).

⁷ Pipelines are permitted to update their tariffs and websites as soon as the rule goes into effect, 90 days after the Final Rule's publication; see *Federal Register*, Volume 79, No. 242 at 75050 (December 17, 2014).

⁸ Order No. 801 at P17-18.

Certificate of Service

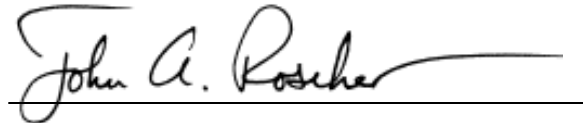
As required by Sections 154.7(b) and 154.208 of the Commission's regulations, copies of this filing are being served upon all of Northern Border's existing customers and interested state regulatory agencies. A copy of this letter, together with the enclosed tariff sections and other attachments, are available during regular business hours for public inspection at Northern Border's principal place of business.

Pursuant to Section 385.2005 and Section 385.2011, the undersigned has read this filing and knows its contents, and the contents are true as stated, to the best of his knowledge and belief. Additionally, the undersigned possesses full power and authority to sign such filing.

Any questions regarding this filing may be directed to Joan Collins at (832) 320-5651.

Respectfully submitted,

NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY
BY: TRANSCANADA NORTHERN BORDER INC., ITS OPERATOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Roscher". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

John A. Roscher
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Enclosures

Appendix A

Northern Border Pipeline Company FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1

Clean Tariff

<u>Tariff Section</u>	<u>Version</u>
3 – Maps	v.4.0.0

The currently effective system map is available on the Company's Internet web site at
http://www.northernborder.com/docs/nbpl_sys_map.pdf.

Appendix B

Northern Border Pipeline Company FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1

Marked Tariff

<u>Tariff Section</u>	<u>Version</u>
3 – Maps	v.4.0.0

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