OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF) ORDER ASSESSING FILING NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY) FEE TO CONSTRUCT COMPRESSOR STATION) NO. 11 IN DEUEL COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA) NG97-003

On March 5, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received notice from Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) that it has filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to construct and operate Compressor Station No. 11 in Deuel County, South Dakota. Compressor Station No. 11 was part of the facilities authorized by the Commission to be constructed under the permit dated April 13, 1981. Northern Border certifies in its notice that the construction of Compressor Station No. 11 will be in compliance with the Terms and Conditions of the April 13, 1981, permit.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 49-34A and 49-34B; specifically 49-41B-27.

On April 1, 1997, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission unanimously voted to assess Northern Border a filing fee pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-1A-11. It is therefore

ORDERED that Northern Border shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-1A-11 in amounts as requested from time to time by the Executive Director of the Commission; it is

FURTHER ORDERED that a procedural schedule shall be established by the Executive Director of the Commission.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this ______ day of April, 1997.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

11/1/1/1/2

Date:

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

AMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner