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BEFORE THE

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

NORTHERN BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY : Docket Number

: PF10-2-000

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Princeton Public Library  
698 East Peru Street  
Princeton, IL 61356

Thursday, January 21, 2010

The above-entitled matter came on for scoping meeting, pursuant to notice, at 7:04 p.m., Christine Allen - FERC Moderator.

## 1 PROCEEDINGS

2 MS. ALLEN: Good evening, my name is Christine  
3 Allen and I'm an Environmental Project Manager with the  
4 Federal Regulatory Commission or FERC. At the back table is  
5 Dave Swearingen, also on FERC staff. On behalf of the FERC  
6 I want to welcome you here tonight. Let the record show  
7 that the scoping meeting for the Princeton Lateral Project,  
8 began at 7:04 p.m. on January 21, 2010. The purpose of this  
9 meeting is to give you an opportunity to provide comments on  
10 Northern Border's proposed Princeton Lateral Project.

11 Northern Border entered into our pre-filing  
12 process on November 12, 2009, through which we began our  
13 review of the project. As you can see this meeting is being  
14 recorded by a court reporter so that we may have an accurate  
15 record of tonight's comments.

16 A transcript of this meeting will be placed into  
17 the public record so that everyone has access to the  
18 information being discussed here tonight. Now I'll quickly  
19 run through the agenda for tonight's meeting.

20 I'll start our briefly by explaining the role of  
21 the FERC and our application process. Then I will have a  
22 representative of Northern Border present an overview of the  
23 project. Following Northern Border's presentation, we will  
24 then hear from those of you who have signed up to speak and  
25 make formal comments on the project. After that, anyone who

1 did not sign up but would like to have their comments heard,  
2 may do so at that time.

3 The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is an  
4 independent regulatory agency. The Commission's mission is  
5 to regulate and oversee energy industries and the economic  
6 and environmental interest of the American public. Among  
7 other responsibilities the Commission regulates the  
8 interstate transmission of natural gas. The Commission is  
9 made up of five members who are appointed by the President  
10 and approved by Congress.

11 The Commission staff which includes myself  
12 prepares technical information to assist these commissioners  
13 in making their decisions. When a company wants to build  
14 pipeline facilities to transport and sell natural gas in  
15 interstate commerce, the company files an application with  
16 the commission. Northern Border plans to file their  
17 application May 2010 and is requesting a certificate by  
18 September of 2010.

19 Northern Border's proposed Princeton Lateral  
20 Project includes approximately nine miles of pipeline and  
21 one meter station. The proposed facilities will provide  
22 natural gas to Central Illinois Light Company, a local  
23 distribution company. The proposed project will deliver  
24 approximately 120 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas.

25 The FERC docket number for the Princeton Lateral

1 Project is PF10-2. The "PF" means that we're in the pre-  
2 filing stage of the project. After an application is filed,  
3 a new docket number will be assigned. Under the National  
4 Environmental Policy Act or NEPA the Commission is required  
5 to perform an environmental analysis of the proposed  
6 project's potential effects on the environment. In the case  
7 of the Princeton Lateral Project, we will prepare an  
8 Environmental Assessment or EA to complete this analysis.

9 Scoping is a general term we use for soliciting  
10 input from the public before the Environmental Analysis is  
11 conducted. Although no formal application has been filed,  
12 the Commission staff has already initiated its NEPA review  
13 under its pre-filing process. The purpose of the pre-filing  
14 process is to encourage the early involvement of interested  
15 stakeholders and to identify and resolve issues before an  
16 application is filed with the FERC.

17 Your comments along with those of interested  
18 groups and agencies will help us focus our analysis on  
19 significant impacts. The Commission will make its decision  
20 about whether to approve the Princeton Lateral Project after  
21 considering the project's environmental impacts and the  
22 economic aspects. If you do not want to formally make  
23 comments tonight, you can also send a letter to the  
24 Commission addressing your specific concerns.

25 As indicated in the public notice for this

1 meeting the comment period for filing written comments ends  
2 on February 8, 2010. If you did not receive a notice, I  
3 have some extra copies at the back table back there. The  
4 notice explains how to mail in comments on page 4, and there  
5 are some forms available at the sign-in table at the back of  
6 the room that will make sending written comments easier for  
7 you.

8           The notice was mailed to affected landowners,  
9 federal, state and local agencies, elected officials and  
10 other public interest groups. If you did not receive the  
11 notice and would like to be added to our mailing list, you  
12 would need to do one or two things: sign the mailing list at  
13 the back of the room or provide written comments to us by  
14 February 8, 2010. The Environmental Assessment is not a  
15 decision document. When the Environmental Assessment is  
16 complete, we will provide the assessment and staff material  
17 on non-environmental issues such as rates, cost of service,  
18 market, accounting and economic issues to the Commission so  
19 they can make an informed decision about the project.

20           If the Commission does vote to issue a  
21 certificate to Northern Border, the Commission staff will  
22 monitor the project to construction and restoration,  
23 performing on-site inspections for environmental compliance.  
24 If you have additional questions about the FERC, I'd  
25 encourage you to visit the Commission's homepage on the

1 internet at [www.FERC.gov](http://www.FERC.gov).

2 Now I'd like to introduce Celeste Rudolph from  
3 Northern Border who will present a brief overview of the  
4 project for me.

5 MS. RUDOLPH: Hi, my name is Celeste Rudolph and  
6 I'm the project manager for this project, I'm with Northern  
7 Border. Actually, its -- Central Illinois Light Company  
8 requested that Northern Border construct this pipeline in  
9 order to meet the increased demands for electricity. So as  
10 you can see, here's our proposed pipeline, it actually  
11 starts off the existing mainline -- the proposed lateral or  
12 pipeline starts at the existing mainline and would hook on  
13 to an existing valve that is currently there. Then the line  
14 would run south for approximately nine miles, and end at a  
15 proposed delivery meter station. Both the delivery meter  
16 station and the valve site would have above ground  
17 facilities. The current design, we plan to follow existing  
18 corridors, as well as existing property lines to the best  
19 extent possible.

20 We also are planning on boring major stream  
21 crossings as well as highways and asphalt roads. Our team  
22 members are back there to answer any questions. Thank you.

23 MS. ALLEN: Thank you Celeste. Following this  
24 formal segment of tonight's meeting I'd encourage you to  
25 look at the maps and other material that Northern Border

1 has brought with them tonight. They will be available in  
2 the back of the room if you have any questions about the  
3 project. Specific if you'd like to find your property on  
4 the maps or anything like that.

5 To insure that the court reporter produces an  
6 accurate record of this meeting, please follow the following  
7 ground rules if you have any questions or comments during  
8 the formal segment of tonight's meeting. I'll ask you to  
9 please come to the podium and speak into the microphone,  
10 introduce yourself and if appropriate, any agency or group  
11 that you're representing. Please help the court reporter  
12 with the spelling of your name, define any acronyms or  
13 industry-related jargon that you may use, and finally please  
14 speak one at a time.

15 Following the formal segment of the meeting there  
16 will be an informal opportunity for you to ask questions of  
17 Northern Border or of the FERC staff. Now we'll begin to  
18 hear from those who have signed up to present comments.

19 The first speaker tonight is Claude Bailey. He  
20 left, okay. The other one is John Filbauer. Okay. Those  
21 are the only two people who signed up to speak, is there  
22 anyone else who would like to make a comment? Okay. If  
23 not, that concludes the formal part of the meeting. I would  
24 encourage you to stay and look more closely at the maps and  
25 other information that Northern Border has brought with

1       them. Their representatives will be available to help you  
2       look at the maps and answer any questions. And you can also  
3       come and talk to Dave or myself and ask any questions you  
4       may have about the FERC process.

5                   On behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory  
6       Commission, I want to thank you for coming here tonight and  
7       expressing your concerns. Let the record show that the  
8       scoping meeting for the Princeton Lateral Project concluded  
9       at 7:12 p.m.

10                   (Whereupon, at 7:12 p.m. the Princeton Lateral  
11       Project was concluded.)

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