

**Northern Border Pipeline Company
Notice of Open House for the Princeton Lateral Project**

Description of the Princeton Lateral Project

Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) plans to construct approximately 9 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline in Bureau County, Illinois commencing at the Kasbeer side valve on Northern Border's mainline and terminating at the facilities of Central Illinois Light Company's d/b/a AmerenCILCO ("AmerenCILCO") near Princeton, Illinois ("the Princeton Lateral Project" or "Project"). The Project is designed to transport 120 million cubic feet per day of natural gas and AmerenCILCO has contracted for the entire capacity. The targeted in-service date of the Project is January 2011.

Open House Information

Northern Border Pipeline Company is holding an open house event from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 7th, at the AmericInn of Princeton, 2120 Claude Bailey Parkway, Princeton, IL. Company representatives will be on hand to provide information and answer your questions about the Princeton Lateral Project.

For further information, please call Northern Border at 1-800-562-8931.

Regulatory Information

This Project will be constructed under the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC" or "Commission") and has been assigned FERC Docket Number PF10-2-000. FERC is the lead agency responsible for conducting the environmental review of the Project, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC will prepare an environmental assessment for this Project to consider the environmental impact that could result if it issues Northern Border a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act. FERC staff has already begun the environmental review of the Project in accordance with its pre-filing process. The Commission's pre-filing process enables review of the Project to begin before an application is filed with the Commission and is intended to identify and address Project issues as early as possible in the planning and approval effort. Interested parties who wish to correspond with FERC about this Project should refer to pre-filing Docket No. PF10-2.

During the pre-filing process, Commission staff will work with all interested stakeholders to identify and attempt to address issues before Northern Border files its application with the Commission. FERC staff has already met with Northern Border personnel and will be contacting jurisdictional agencies and other interested stakeholders to discuss the Project and identify issues and concerns. In addition, FERC staff, or its contractor, will attend the open houses sponsored by Northern Border where they will be available to explain the Commission's role in certifying natural gas facilities, its NEPA responsibilities, and the environmental review process.

Additional information about the FERC and its certificate process can be obtained through its website at <http://www.ferc.gov/for-citizens/my-rights/process.asp> or by calling the Commission's Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-3372.