

Cited as "1 ERA Para. 70,818"

Northern Natural Gas Company (ERA Docket No. 88-35-NG), November 14, 1988.

DOE/ERA Opinion and Order No. 270-A

Order Denying Rehearing

On September 16, 1988, the Economic Regulatory Administration (ERA) of the Department of Energy (DOE) issued DOE/ERA Opinion and Order No. 270 (Order 270, 1 ERA Para. 70,812) to Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) in ERA Docket 88-35-NG, amending Northern's existing long-term import authorization under DOE/ERA Opinion and Order No. 76, issued on March 29, 1985, by increasing Northern's authorized import volumes from 135,000 Mcf per day up to 200,000 Mcf per day and up to 73,000,000 Mcf per year at Emerson, Manitoba, minus whatever volumes up to 100,000 Mcf per day Northern elects to import at Monchy, Saskatchewan. Order 270 amends Northern's existing import authorization only to increase the authorized volumes for import beginning September 18, 1988, through the remainder of the term ending October 31, 1989. All other terms and conditions of the existing authorization remain in effect. On October 14, 1988, one party, Producers, comprised of ten separate petroleum and natural gas producer associations listed in Order 270, filed a request for rehearing of Order 270.

In support of their request, Producers identify several bases of agency error. However phrased, the alleged errors involve the same issues raised in their original intervention and protest. The ERA examined and addressed these arguments on their merits in Order 270. Producers have not raised any new arguments or provided new information that would cause the ERA to change its decision. For the reasons discussed in Order 270, the ERA again rejects Producers' arguments and, pursuant to Sections 3 and 19 of the Natural Gas Act, their application for rehearing is hereby denied.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on November 14, 1988.