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April 6, 2009

Via eFiling

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Northern Natural Gas Company
Docket No. CP09-11-000

Dear Ms. Bose:

Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) hereby submits for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) the following correspondence with the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO):

- March 27, 2009, e-mail from Natural Resources Group (NRG) to SHPO regarding letter to be submitted;
- Letter dated March 27, 2009, letter from NRG to SHPO regarding the construction schedule and section 106 review and requesting concurrence to commence construction on the first phase project facilities (2009 construction); and
- March 28, 2009, e-mail from SHPO to NRG responding to March 27, 2009, letter.

Also attached is a March 30, 2009, e-mail from Northern to FERC regarding Condition 16 in the final FERC-issued Environmental Assessment (EA). As indicated in the attached e-mail Northern filed additional agency correspondence on March 10, 2009, which provided the requested information to Condition 16 of the EA.

Any questions regarding the filing should be directed to the undersigned at (402) 398-7138 or Michael T. Loeffler at (402) 398-7103.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Donna Martens

Donna Martens
Senior Regulatory Analyst

Attachments

From: Andy P. Bielakowski [apbielakowski@nrg-llc.com]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2009 12:53 PM
To: Dennis Gimmestad (dennis.gimmestad@mnhs.org)
Cc: Kara.harris@FERC.gov; Ellen.Armbruster@FERC.gov
Subject: Zone EF - Construction Schedule and Section 106 Review Process...

Attachments: 03272009 - Zone EF - Letter - NRG to MNSHPO (Review Process).pdf
Dennis,

A letter will be mailed to your office today that describes the Zone EF construction schedule and the specific project facilities that Northern plans to construct in 2009 and 2010. With this letter, NRG and Northern would like to ensure that you have all of the information which you may require for the segments of the project scheduled to be constructed in 2009 and that you concur that construction can commence on the 2009 phase one facilities once final approval is received from FERC. All 2009 construction areas have been surveyed and reports have been submitted to SHPO for review. These reports have been reviewed and commented upon by SHPO pending comment of an addendum to The 106 Group's Elk River Report, which was submitted on March 13, 2009. Please let me know if there is any additional information or clarification you may need from NRG or Northern in regards to the Zone EF Project.

Thank You,
Andy



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March 27, 2009

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Re: Northern Lights 2009-2010 Zone EF Expansion Project (SHPO No. 2008-0398)
Construction Schedule and Section 106 Review Process

Dear Mr. Gimmestad:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify Northern Natural Gas' (Northern) proposed construction schedule for the Northern Lights 2009-2010 Zone EF Expansion Project (Project) and ensure all documentation has been received by your office to complete the section 106 review process and issue the necessary clearances to allow Northern to commence construction once final approval is received from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The Project has been filed as one undertaking (FERC Docket No. CP09-11); however, construction will be conducted in two separate phases. Construction of the first phase is scheduled to begin in May 2009 for an in-service date of November 1, 2009. Construction of the second phase is scheduled to begin in January 2010 for an in-service date of November 1, 2010.

NRG, on behalf of Northern, is requesting from SHPO to receive separate Section 106 review and clearance for each of the two phases according to the proposed construction schedule. If SHPO concurs with this process for review, the first phase (D-Line, C-Line, Elk River Loop, and Albert Lea Compressor Station) would be reviewed (based on all cultural survey information provided to date¹) and receive clearance for construction in 2009. Northern would complete all remaining cultural surveys for the second phase (Rockford Replacement, Corcoran Branchline, and Corcoran meter station), submit the findings and thereafter request clearance to construct the second phase in 2010. With these two separate clearances from SHPO, Northern would be able to meet its proposed construction schedule and in-service dates for both phases.

Northern has received a copy of your March 10, 2009, letter to Ms. Ellen Armbruster (FERC). Northern has reviewed your comments and will ensure that all construction activities occur in accordance with all mitigation measures and conditions described in these comments.

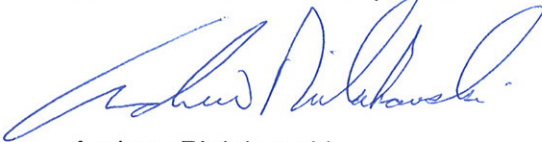
¹ An addendum to The 106 Group's Elk River Report was submitted on March 13, 2009. This addendum clarified two project areas that were omitted in the original report. Although SHPO has not commented on this addendum at this time, all project areas for the first phase (2009 construction) have been surveyed and submitted to SHPO. Northern respectfully requests comment for the addendum areas in order to receive clearance for all project areas to be constructed within the first phase.

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Northern respectfully requests that your office provide concurrence that Northern may commence construction on the first phase project facilities in accordance with all the mitigation measures and conditions described in your March 10, 2009, letter to FERC.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter and please advise if the requested review process is acceptable. You may contact me at apbielakowski@nrg-llc.com, (612) 347-7108, or the address listed above. We look forward to continued communication in an effort to complete the proposed project in full compliance with all SHPO requirements.

Sincerely,
Natural Resource Group, LLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Bielakowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Andrew Bielakowski
Project Manager

cc: Kara Harris, FERC
Ellen Armbruster, FERC
Kurt Maack, Northern

From: Martens, Donna

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 10:50 AM

To: 'Kara J. Harris'; 'ellen.armbruster@ferc.gov'

Cc: 'Andy P. Bielakowski'; Myers, Dennis; Espinosa, Ricardo

Subject: FW: Zone EF - Construction Schedule and Section 106 Review Process...

Kara - Following our telephone call last week, Northern sent a letter to Dennis Gimmestad at SHPO to clarify Northern's project and the construction schedule and to ensure SHPO has all the information they need for those segments of the project proposed to be constructed in 2009. (Andy Bielakowski with NRG copied you and Ellen on the e-mail and letter sent March 27, 2009.) Andy received the following e-mail from Dennis Gimmestad. Please let me know if Northern needs to provide any additional information. Thanks. Donna

From: Gimmestad, Dennis [mailto:Dennis.Gimmestad@MNHS.ORG]

Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2009 10:08 AM

To: Andy P. Bielakowski

Subject: RE: Zone EF - Construction Schedule and Section 106 Review Process...

Andy-

I believe that we still need something from FERC responding to our last letter and clearly defining their definition of the undertaking for review purposes. This needs to come from the federal agency, not the applicant.

Dennis

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From: Martens, Donna
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Cc: 'Andy P. Bielakowski'; Espinosa, Ricardo; Myers, Dennis
Subject: Northern Lights 2009-2010 Zone EF ---Condition 16 of the EA (CP09-11)

Kara --- our March 10, 2009, filing satisfied condition 16 (in the EA) regarding Minnesota DNR's comments on the ellipse mussel surveys. The applicable correspondence with the DNR for condition 16 includes the following:

- January 27, 2009, letter and submittal of final mussel survey from NRG to Lisa Joyal
- February 6, 2009, e-mail from Lisa Joyal to NRG and Kurt Maack concurring that the report satisfied the MNDNR's survey requirements for rare mussels
- February 5, 2009, letter from Trina Zieman to Ricardo Espinosa stating that the survey has been completed and the results of the survey indicate that no mussels were found, most likely due to inappropriate habitat at the crossing.

Please let me know if you need me to file confirmation that this information meets the requirements of condition 16. Thanks. Donna

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