# FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

In Reply Refer To:

OEP/DG2E/Gas Branch 1 Northern Natural Gas Company Northern Lights 2025 Expansion Project Docket No. CP24-60-000 § 375.308(x)

June 25, 2024

VIA FERC Service

Donna Martens Senior Regulatory Analyst Northern Natural Gas Company P.O. Box 3330 Omaha, Nebraska 68103-0330

**Re:** Environmental Information Request

Dear Ms. Martens:

The information described in the enclosure is required for our analysis of the above-referenced application. Please file a complete response within 10 days of the date of this letter.

If certain information cannot be provided within this time frame, please indicate which items will be delayed and provide a projected filing date. You should be aware that filing complete responses to the information requests described in the enclosure within the time frame requested is necessary to maintain the schedule for issuance of the Environmental Assessment (EA). If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided.

File your response in accordance with the provisions of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. In particular, 18 CFR 385.2005 requires all responses to be filed under oath by an authorized Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) representative, and 18 CFR 385.2010 (Rule 2010) requires service to each person whose name appears on the official service list for this proceeding.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 502-6082. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REQUEST**

### **Resource Report 3:**

- 1. Provide an analysis of impacts on the rusty patch bumble bee that includes the following:
  - a. an estimate of potential rusty patched bumble bee habitat that would be impacted by the Northern Lights 2025 Expansion Project;
  - b. an estimate of the available habitat adjacent to the project area; and
  - c. the amount of habitat that would be restored to pre-construction condition following construction.
- 2. In your response to Data Request 12 of EIR 1, you noted that Northern will consult with the US Fish and Wildlife Service for guidance on additional avoidance and mitigation measures if surveys reveal the presence of the rusty patched bumble bee. List the additional avoidance and mitigation measures that Northern would take to reduce impacts to the rusty patched bumble bee.
- 3. Provide any updated correspondence with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

### **Resource Report 5: Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice**

- 4. Update all pages of Environmental Justice figure 5-1 as follows:
  - a. include the census tract, block group numbers on the figures;
  - b. remove the "Environmental Survey Boundary" from figures;
  - c. include a 1-mile radius around the La Crescent and Hugo compressor stations and include radius in legend;
  - d. indicate location of contractor parking lots and contractor yards on the figures (Alignment sheets do not show if the parking lots and contractor yards are within an Environmental Justice community); and
  - e. remove "% Non-English Speaking" from figure and legend.