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In Reply Refer To:
OEP/DG2E/Gas 1
Northern Natural Gas Company
Northern Lights 2025 Expansion Project
Docket No. CP24-60-000

October 28, 2025

VIA FERC Service

Donna Martens
Senior Regulatory Analyst
Northern Natural Gas Company
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Re: Variance Approval for Additional Temporary Workspace

Dear Ms. Martens:

I grant Northern Natural Gas Company's (Northern) October 23, 2025 request for additional temporary workspace on the Elk River 3rd Branch Line extension in Washington County, Minnesota, as part of the Northern Lights 2025 Expansion Project. Specifically, Northern is requesting approval to use a new 230-foot-long by 16-foot-wide timber mat road (ETWS36), that would temporarily affect about 0.05 acre. Northern would use the workspace to remediate and restore subsidence areas which occurred during horizontal directional drilling activities on the Elk River extension.

Your request is in compliance with Environmental Condition 5 of the Commission's February 19, 2025 *Order Issuing Certificate and Approving Abandonment* (Order) in the above-referenced docket. All federal authorizations relevant to the approved activities herein have been obtained. I remind you that Northern must comply with all applicable remaining terms and conditions of the Order. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 502-6412.

Sincerely,

Andrea Bloomfield
Environmental Project Manager
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and Engineering