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Via eFiling

Ms. Debbie-Anne Reese, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: Northern Natural Gas
Northern Lights 2025 Expansion
Docket No. CP24-60-000
Request In-service – Farmington to Hugo C-line and Lake Mills to Albert Lea E-line

Dear Ms. Reese:

Pursuant to Condition 10 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Order Issuing Certificate and Approving Abandonment issued February 19, 2025, in the above-referenced docket, Northern Natural Gas (Northern) submits its request to place the Farmington to Hugo C-line (Farmington extension) and Lake Mills to Albert Lea E-line (Lake Mills extension) in service. Both pipeline extensions were tied in October 27, 2025, and are mechanically ready to flow natural gas. Photographs are attached showing the status of restoration of the right of way.

The following are the activities remaining to be completed for each pipeline and the expected date of completion.

Farmington Extension:

- MP 0.1: Work remaining includes aboveground painting of new facilities, reinstall fence on south side of Hugo compressor station and final grading of rocked surfaces.
 - **Estimated completion:** November 5, 2025
 - **Note:** All work will be within Northern's existing facility.
- MP 0.01 – MP 0.18: Backfill the tie-in location at the Hugo compressor station then decompact the subsoil, push topsoil back into place, decompact the topsoil, prepare soil for seed, seed with a temporary seed mixture for winter and return in Spring 2026 with perennial seed mixture
 - **Estimated completion:** November 1, 2025
- MP 0.55 – 0.65: Remove HDD P4-2 drill mud from site, backfill drill mud pit, decompact subsoil, push topsoil back into place, decompact topsoil, seed with a

- temporary seed mixture for winter and return in Spring 2026 with perennial seed mixture.
- **Estimated completion:** November 7, 2025
 - MP 1.0 – 1.9: The area is restored with the exception of the travel lane. Final restoration of the travel lane includes decompact the subsoil, push topsoil back into place, decompact topsoil, prepare soil for seed, seed with a temporary seed mixture for winter and return in Spring 2026 with perennial seed mixture.
 - **Estimated completion:** November 10, 2025
 - **Note:** Continued use of the travel lane is required by Northern to complete restoration of the right of way because the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is making improvements on their property that restricts Northern's access to use access road AR-02 off of Manning Trail N Road.
 - MP1.9: Install below-ground coating on tie-over valve, flange and tie-in weld, backfill subsoil, install bull pen around the valve operator setting, decompact subsoil around the bull pen, return and decompact topsoil around the new bull pen, rock inside the bull pen, and paint bull pen.
 - **Estimated completion:** November 10, 2025
 - **Note:** Guard rail installation around the bull pen is scheduled for completion November 4, 2025, and then the contractor will work back to MP 1.0 to restore the travel lane as they leave the site.

Lake Mills Extension:

- MP 31.2 (discontinued line stop location and south tie-in location): Backfill and decompact subsoil and return and decompact topsoil in field. Prepare topsoil and seed ditch with a temporary seed mixture for winter, mulch and crimp ditch, and return in Spring 2026 with perennial seed mixture.
 - **Scheduled Completion:** November 6, 2025
- MP 31.45: Backfill and decompact subsoil and return and decompact topsoil in crop land. In the ditch, remove access point, grade ditch to match surrounding area, prepare topsoil for seed, seed with a temporary seed mixture for winter and return in Spring 2026 with perennial seed mixture as needed, and mulch and crimp after seeding.
 - **Scheduled Completion:** November 7, 2025
- MP 31.45 – 31.9: Return topsoil to grade, decompact topsoil and seed area for winter.
 - **Scheduled Completion:** November 7, 2025
- MP 31.95: Remove access point, grade ditch to match surrounding area, decompact topsoil and seed ditches.
 - **Scheduled Completion:** November 15, 2025
- MP 31.95 – 33.2: Decompact topsoil.
 - **Scheduled Completion:** November 15, 2025
- MP 33.2: Remove access point, grade ditch to match surrounding area, decompact topsoil, seed ditches and mulch and crimp ditches.
 - **Scheduled Completion:** November 15, 2025
- MP 33.2 – 34.2: Backfill repaired drain tile, backfill and decompact subsoil, remove environmental control devices, return and decompact topsoil
 - **Scheduled Completion:** November 15, 2025

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- MP 34.2: In the crop land, backfill and decompact subsoil, return and decompact topsoil in crop land, install bull pen around valve operator and rock area, as necessary. In the ditch, pour concrete for pipe supports, prepare soil for seed, seed with a temporary seed mixture for winter and return in Spring 2026 with perennial seed mixture and mulch and crimp after seeding.
 - **Scheduled Completion:** November 15, 2025
 - **Note:** Pipe supports are scheduled to be poured October 28, 2025, and cured to support pipe by October 31, 2025

Based upon the information provided herein, Northern respectfully requests the Director of the Office of Energy Projects to issue written approval to place the Farmington and Lake Mills extensions in service. Northern requests approval be issued no later than October 30, 2025, in order to ensure the facilities are ready to meet Northern's contractual commitments to its customers effective November 1, 2025. Any questions regarding this filing should be directed to the undersigned at (402) 398-7138.

Respectfully submitted,

/signed/ Donna Martens

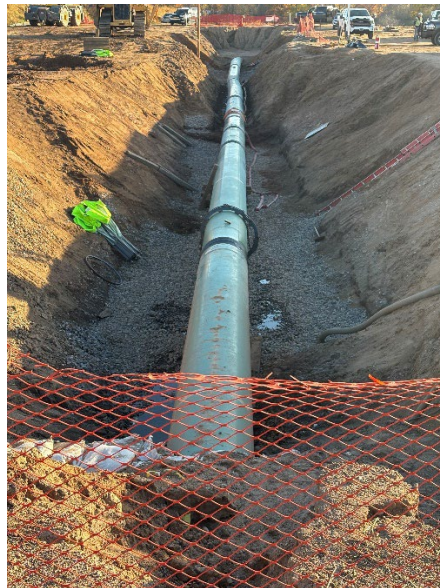
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NL25 Farmington to Hugo C-line
Washington County, Minnesota****2025 7C**

All pictures were taken October 26, 2025, which reflect the status to date, unless otherwise indicated.



Facing south, view from the SW corner of the Hugo compressor station MP 0.1



Facing south at MP 0.1, Hugo compressor station south fence line, final tie-in complete
October 27, 2025



Facing south near MP 0.1, ROW from the access road on the west side of the Hugo Compressor Station



Facing north at MP 0.18, east side of the ROW (towards the Hugo station), awaiting topsoil restoration



Facing west at MP 0.55, clean up in progress



Facing south at MP 0.60, topsoil restored, awaiting final decompaction



Facing south at MP 1.0, ROW restored up to a travel lane



Facing north at MP 1.25, ROW restored up to a travel lane



Facing south at 1.30, ROW restored up to a travel lane



Facing south at MP 1.35, wetland FRM-W13 restored



Facing south at MP 1.38, wetland FRM-W12 restored



Facing south at MP 1.45, ROW restored up to a travel lane



Facing south at MP 1.55, ROW restored up to a travel lane showing temporary vegetation



Facing east at MP 1.70, workspace awaiting restoration



Facing south at MP 1.75, ROW restored up to a travel lane



Facing north at MP 1.9, bell hole with the Farmington Tie Over Valve Setting final tie-in activities, completed October 27, 2025

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NL25 Lake Mills to Albert Lea E-line Extension
Freeborn County, Minnesota

2025 7C



Facing south at MP 31.2, south of 135th Street at the discontinued line stop location; awaiting drain tile repair, backfill, decompaction, ECD removal, and topsoil restoration



Facing north at MP 31.2, north of 135th Street (south tie-in location; temporary workspace with open trench awaiting drain tile repairs, backfill, subsoil grading, decompaction and topsoil restoration, E-line crossing under D-line



Facing south at MP 31.45, south of 140th Street; temporary workspace awaiting topsoil decompaction (discing), seeding (winter rye)/mulching/crimping



Facing north at MP 31.45, south of 140th Street; temporary workspace awaiting topsoil decompaction (discing), and temporary seeding (winter rye) mulching/crimping



Facing south at MP 31.7, south of 140th Street; temporary workspace awaiting topsoil decompaction (discing)



Facing north at MP 31.7, south of 140th Street temporary workspace awaiting topsoil decompaction (discing)



Facing south at MP 31.95, south of 140th Street; temporary workspace awaiting topsoil grading/decompaction (discing)



Facing north at MP 31.95, north of 140th Street; temporary workspace awaiting topsoil decompaction (discing), seeding (winter rye), and mulching/crimping



Facing south at MP 32.2, north of 140th Street; awaiting topsoil to grade/decompaction (discing), seeding (winter rye), and mulching/crimping



Facing north at MP 32.2, north of 140th Street; awaiting topsoil decompaction (discing)



Facing south at MP 32.45, south of 154th Street; temporary workspace awaiting grading/decompaction (discing) topsoil



Facing north at MP 32.45, south of 154th Street; awaiting topsoil to grade/decompaction (discing)



Facing south at MP 32.7, south of 154th Street; awaiting topsoil decompaction (discing)



Facing north at MP 32.7, south of 154th Street; awaiting topsoil decompaction (discing)



Facing south at MP 32.95, south of 154th Street; awaiting topsoil decompaction (discing)



Facing north at MP 32.95, south of 154th Street; awaiting topsoil decompaction (discing)



Facing south at MP 33.2, south of 154th Street, temporary workspace awaiting topsoil decompaction (discing)



Facing north at MP 33.2, north of 154th Street; temporary workspace awaiting, removal of story poles, and topsoil restoration



Facing south at MP 33.45, south of 165th Street; temporary workspace awaiting topsoil restoration



Facing north at MP 33.45, south of 165th Street; temporary workspace awaiting ECD removal, and topsoil restoration



Facing south at MP 33.7, south of 165th Street; backfill repaired drain tile, subsoil grading, decompaction, ECD removal, and topsoil restoration



Facing north at MP 33.7, south of 165th Street, subsoil grading/decompaction, backfilling repaired drain tile, ECD removal, and topsoil restoration



Facing south at MP 33.95, south of 165th subsoil brought to grade awaiting drain tile backfill decompaction, topsoil restoration, and ECD removal



Facing north at MP 33.95, south of 165th Street; awaiting backfill repaired drain tile, subsoil grading/decompaction, ECD removal, and topsoil restoration



Facing south at MP 34.2, south of 165th Street; awaiting backfill repaired drain tile, subsoil grading/decompaction, topsoil restoration, ECD removal



Facing west at MP 34.2, north of 165th Street; tie-in complete awaiting concrete support installation, sandblasting/coating, backfill, subsoil grading, and topsoil restoration