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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 Company  
Northern Lights 2025  
Docket No. CP24-60-000  
Bi-weekly Status Report No. 19

Dear Ms. Reese:

Pursuant to Condition 8 of the Order Issuing Certificate and Approving Abandonment issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission February 19, 2025, Northern Natural Gas hereby submits for filing in the above-referenced docket its biweekly environmental inspector report for the period ending November 9, 2025.

Any questions regarding the filing should be directed at the undersigned at (402) 398-7138.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Northern Natural Gas Company**  
**Northern Lights 2025 (CP24-60-000)**  
**Biweekly Status Report No. 19**  
**Period Ending November 9, 2025**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Northern Natural Gas (Northern) will construct and operate the Project, which will consist of (1) a 3.00-mile extension of its 36-inch-diameter Lake Mills to Albert Lea E-line; (2) a 2.42-mile extension of its 30-inch-diameter Elk River 3rd branch line; (3) a non-contiguous 1.90-mile extension of its 30-inch-diameter Farmington to Hugo C-line<sup>1</sup>; (4) a 1.28-mile extension of its 8-inch-diameter Tomah branch line loop; (5) minor modifications to its existing La Crescent compressor station; and (6) aboveground facilities including a launcher, receiver and tie-in valve settings. All Project components are located in various counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

**FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION STATUS**

Northern has received all federal and state permits required under federal law for the Project.

**Lake Mills to Albert Lea E-line**

Northern will construct and operate an approximately 3.00-mile extension of its 36-inch-diameter MNM80105 Lake Mills to Albert Lea E-line in Freeborn County, Minnesota. Northern will remove the existing aboveground valve setting located in Section 16, Township 101 North, Range 22 West (Section 16, T101N, R22W), Freeborn County, Minnesota. Northern will construct and operate an aboveground valve setting at the terminus of the new extension on the north side of 165th Street in Section 33, T102N, R22W, Freeborn County, Minnesota.

**Environmental Training**

One contractor will construct the Lake Mills to Albert Lea E-line and associated aboveground facilities. The environmental training totals listed below reflect all training conducted to date for this component.

On-site Contractor: K & K, Inc. (K&K)

Overall Construction Start Date: Commenced April 21, 2025

Environmental Training Conducted: This reporting period: 0 Total to date: 40

**Construction Status:** K&K completed final tie-in north of County Road 9/135th Street<sup>2</sup>. K&K completed installation of thrust blocks and rest blocks for tie-over piping north of 165th Street. K&K completed torquing flange bolts for D-line tie-over piping north of 165th Street. K&K continued removal of construction debris. Hodgman Drainage Company, Inc. (Hodgman), subcontractor for K&K, completed drain tile repairs. Northern completed loading the north E-line extension with gas. K&K completed installation of bull pen for the farm tap north of County Road 9/135th Street. K&K completed grading and decompaction of subsoil north of 140th Street. K&K completed topsoil restoration between 154th Street and 140th Street. K&K

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<sup>1</sup> The total pipeline length of the Farmington to Hugo C-line extension was reduced from 1.91 miles to 1.90 miles as described in Northern's implementation plan and response to the conditions of the order (condition 5) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) March 6, 2025.

<sup>2</sup> County Road 9 is also referred to as 135th Street.

completed backfill around D-line tie-over piping north of 165th Street. The project was placed in-service November 1, 2025.

### Construction Modifications:

No construction modifications occurred during this reporting period.

### Stream Crossings and Environmentally Sensitive Areas

No stream crossings or other environmentally sensitive areas were impacted during this reporting period.

### Rain Events

No rain event of 0.50 inch or greater occurred during this reporting period. To date, the project has received 35.91 inches of precipitation.

| Lake Mills to Albert Lea E-line Construction Progress                                                    |            |            |                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Activity                                                                                                 | Start Date | Completed  | Notes                                           |
| Survey                                                                                                   | 4/16/2025  | 99%        | Survey is ongoing                               |
| Clearing                                                                                                 | N/A        | N/A        | N/A                                             |
| Grading                                                                                                  | 4/21/2025  | 5/30/2025  | Grading is complete                             |
| Stringing                                                                                                | 5/5/2025   | 5/19/2025  | Stringing is complete                           |
| Welding                                                                                                  | 5/16/2025  | 99%        | Welding is ongoing                              |
| Ditching                                                                                                 | 6/6/2025   | 10/26/2025 | Ditching is complete                            |
| Lower-in                                                                                                 | 6/6/2025   | 10/26/2025 | Lowering-in is complete                         |
| Backfill                                                                                                 | 6/6/2025   | 99%        | Backfill is ongoing                             |
| Topsoil Restoration                                                                                      | 9/27/2025  | 89%        | K&K continued topsoil restoration               |
| Removal of existing E-line tie-over valve setting                                                        | 5/15/2025  | 10/15/2025 | K&K completed removal of tie-over valve setting |
| New Lake Mills tie-in valve setting                                                                      | 6/15/2025  | 10/27/2025 | K&K completed lowering-in and tie-in            |
| Clean-up                                                                                                 |            |            |                                                 |
| Seeding                                                                                                  | 6/17/2025  | 90%        | Seeding is ongoing                              |
| *Completed totals include either percentage completed or date all completed. All totals are approximate. |            |            |                                                 |

### Two-Week Projection

1. Complete restoration

### Lake Mills to Albert Lea E-line Related Spill

No spills occurred during this reporting period.

### Elk River 3rd Branch Line

Northern will construct and operate an approximately 2.42-mile extension of its 30-inch-diameter MNB87703 Elk River 3rd branch line in Washington County, Minnesota. The new extension will be tied in below ground approximately 260 feet north of the current terminus in Section 36, T32N, R21W, Washington County, Minnesota; the existing aboveground valve setting located on the east side of July Avenue in Section 36, T32N, R21W, Washington County, Minnesota, will be removed. The downstream tie-in to both Northern's 20-inch-diameter MNB87701 Elk River branch line and 20-inch-diameter MNB87702 Elk River loop will be completed with a new valve setting at the west side of Henna Avenue North in Section 3, T31N, R21W, Washington County, Minnesota.

## **Environmental Training**

One contractor will construct the Elk River 3rd branch line extension. The environmental training totals listed below reflect all training conducted to date for this component.

On-site Contractor: Otis Minnesota Services, LLC (Otis)

Overall Construction Start Date: Commenced April 24, 2025

Environmental Training Conducted<sup>3</sup>: This reporting period: 0 Total to date: 90

## **Construction Status:**

Otis continued right of way (ROW) cleanup and commenced removal of mats and materials no longer needed for the completion of the project. Otis completed restoration from MP 1.30 to MP 1.38 and commenced restoration from MP 1.40 to MP 1.45 and from MP 3.18 to MP 3.28. Otis completed remediation of the borehole and subsidence areas on the exit side of HDD P4-5.

### Existing Elk River tie-over valve setting at MP 1.0

Otis re-installed the section of pipe temporarily removed at MP 1.0 to complete horizontal directional drill (HDD) P4-1 and return flow through the existing pipe. Otis completed winter stabilization by temporarily seeding the stockpiles and disturbed areas. Otis mulched and crimped all disturbed areas. Northern is scheduled to complete valve removal in 2026 when HDD P4-5 activities are complete.

### New Elk River tie-in valve setting at MP 3.4

Otis completed all construction activities on the new Elk River tie-in valve setting with the exception of painting. Otis is scheduled to return spring 2026 to complete painting.

**Construction Modifications:** There were no construction modifications during this reporting period.

## **Stream Crossings and Environmentally Sensitive Areas**

Open cut-crossing of wetland ERT-15 was completed and restored.

## **Rain Events**

No rain event of 0.50 inch or greater occurred during this reporting period. To date the project has received 23.45 inches of precipitation.

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<sup>3</sup> The same contractor and crews are constructing the Elk River 3rd branch line and Farmington-to-Hugo C-Line extension projects. The numbers reflect the training provided to the one contractor and any subcontractors; however, are double counted between the two projects.

| Elk River 3rd Branch Line Construction Progress         |            |            |                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Activity                                                | Start Date | Completed  | Notes                                                                                                                                 |
| Survey                                                  | 4/10/2025  | 5/2/2025   | Primary survey is complete                                                                                                            |
| Clearing                                                | 4/28/2025  | 5/10/2025  | Clearing is complete                                                                                                                  |
| Grading                                                 | 5/6/2025   | 6/7/2025   | Grading is complete                                                                                                                   |
| Stringing                                               | 5/15/2025  | 6/21/2025  | Stringing is complete                                                                                                                 |
| Welding                                                 | 5/16/2025  | 90%        | Welding is complete with the exception of the HDD P4-5 welding which is scheduled to resume in 2026.                                  |
| Ditching                                                | 7/9/2025   | 10/23/2025 | Ditching is complete                                                                                                                  |
| HDD ERT P4-1                                            | 9/6/2025   | 9/24/2025  | North Country completed the HDD                                                                                                       |
| HDD ERT P4-2                                            | 7/15/2025  | 8/15/2025  | Mears completed the HDD                                                                                                               |
| HDD ERT P4-3                                            | 5/22/2025  | 6/14/2025  | Mears completed the HDD                                                                                                               |
| HDD ERT P4-4                                            | 9/6/2025   | 9/12/2025  | North Country completed the HDD                                                                                                       |
| HDD ERT P4-5                                            | 6/20/2025  | 0%         | Mears extracted the HDD pipe 10/7/2025. Northern is scheduled to return 2026 to install P4-5. The area will be stabilized for winter. |
| HDD ERT P4-6                                            | 6/20/2025  | 6/25/2025  | Mears completed the HDD                                                                                                               |
| HDD ERT P4-7                                            | 7/01/2025  | 7/3/2025   | Mears completed the HDD                                                                                                               |
| Lower-in                                                | 7/9/2025   | 90%        | Otis completed lowering-in for the winter                                                                                             |
| Backfill                                                | 7/9/2025   | 90%        | Otis completed backfill for the winter                                                                                                |
| Topsoil Restoration                                     | 7/28/2025  | 60%        | Otis continued restoration                                                                                                            |
| Existing Elk River tie-over valve setting to be removed | 10/12/2025 | 0%         | The tie-over valve setting is scheduled to be removed in 2026.                                                                        |
| New Elk River tie-in valve setting                      | 10/12/2025 | 11/7/2025  | Otis completed construction                                                                                                           |
| Clean-up                                                | 10/1/2025  | 70%        | Otis continued cleanup                                                                                                                |
| Seeding                                                 | 10/1/2025  | 60%        | Otis continued seeding                                                                                                                |

\*Completed totals include either percentage completed or date all completed. All totals are approximate.

## Two-Week Projection

1. Complete restoration activities for winter
2. Complete remediation of HDD P4-5 entry-side borehole and subsidence areas pending FERC approval of variance request for additional extra temporary workspace

## Elk River 3rd Branch Line Related Spill

No spills occurred during this reporting period.

## Farmington to Hugo C-Line Extension

Northern will construct and operate a non-contiguous 1.90-mile extension of its 30-inch-diameter Farmington to Hugo C-line in Washington County, Minnesota. The new extension will be tied in below ground within Northern's existing Hugo compressor station in Section 6, T31N, R20W, Washington County, Minnesota. The downstream tie-in to Northern's 24-inch-diameter MNM86501 B-line will be

completed at a new below-ground<sup>4</sup> valve setting in Section 7, T31N, R20W, Washington County, Minnesota.

### Environmental Training

One contractor will construct the Farmington to Hugo C-line extension and associated aboveground facilities. The environmental training totals listed below reflect all training conducted to date for this component.

On-site Contractor: Otis Minnesota Services, LLC (Otis)

Overall Construction Start Date: May 3, 2025

Environmental Training Conducted<sup>3</sup>: This reporting period: 0 Total to date: 90

### Construction Status:

Otis completed rock installation in the Hugo compressor station. Otis continued restoration of the topsoil, temporary seeding, and cleanup from MP 1.0 to MP 1.9. Otis completed backfill, rock installation, and the bull pen installation in the Farmington tie-over valve setting at MP 1.9. The project was placed in service October 31, 2025.

**Construction Modifications:** There were no construction modifications during this reporting period.

### Stream Crossings and Environmentally Sensitive Areas

No stream of sensitive areas were crossed during this reporting period.

### Rain Events

No rain event of 0.50 inch or greater occurred during this reporting period. To date the project has received 24.12 inches of precipitation.

| Farmington to Hugo C-Line Construction Progress |            |            |                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Activity                                        | Start Date | Completed  | Notes                                                                                                   |
| Survey                                          | 4/26/2025  | 5/5/2025   | Survey is complete                                                                                      |
| Clearing                                        | 5/3/2025   | 5/9/2025   | Clearing is complete                                                                                    |
| Grading                                         | 6/9/2025   | 8/15/2025  | Grading is complete                                                                                     |
| Stringing                                       | 6/18/2025  | 10/13/2025 | Stringing is complete                                                                                   |
| Welding                                         | 6/20/2025  | 11/04/2025 | Welding is complete                                                                                     |
| Ditching                                        | 7/24/2025  | 10/13/2025 | Ditching is complete                                                                                    |
| HDD FAR P4-1                                    | 8/19/2025  | 9/17/2025  | North Country completed HDD                                                                             |
| HDD FAR P4-2                                    | 8/26/2025  | 9/26/2025  | North Country completed HDD                                                                             |
| Lower-in                                        | 7/24/2025  | 10/13/2025 | Otis completed lowering-in                                                                              |
| Backfill                                        | 7/28/2025  | 10/28/2025 | Otis completed backfill                                                                                 |
| Topsoil Restoration                             | 7/1/2025   | 99%        | Otis continued topsoil restoration                                                                      |
| Hugo compressor station launcher and valves     | 5/22/2025  | 99%        | Otis completed rock installation in the Hugo compressor station and continues final cleanup activities. |
| Farmington tie-over valve setting               | 6/17/2025  | 11/4/2025  | Otis completed the Farmington tie-over valve setting                                                    |
| Clean-up                                        | 8/1/2025   | 99%        | Otis continued clean-up                                                                                 |
| Seeding                                         | 8/2/2025   | 90%        | Otis continued temporary seeding                                                                        |

<sup>4</sup> As described in Northern's implementation plan and response to the conditions of the order (condition 5) filed with FERC March 6, 2025, the new downstream valve setting for the Farmington to Hugo C-line extension will be below ground in accordance with the landowner's request rather than aboveground as originally proposed.

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### **Two-Week Projection**

1. Commence painting at the Hugo compressor station
2. Complete clean-up
3. Complete temporary seeding
4. Complete topsoil restoration

### **Farmington to Hugo C-line Related Spill Totals**

No spills occurred during this reporting period.

### **Tomah Branch Line Loop**

Northern constructed and is operating an approximately 1.28-mile extension of its 8-inch-diameter WIB11902 Tomah branch line loop in Monroe County, Wisconsin. The new extension was tied in below ground to the current terminus of the Tomah branch line loop in Section 1, T17N, R4W, Monroe County, Wisconsin, and the existing tie-in valve setting and receiver facility at this location were removed. The down-stream tie-in to Northern's 6-inch-diameter WIB11901 branch line is located in Section 6, T17N, R3W, Monroe County, Wisconsin.

### **Environmental Training**

One contractor constructed the Tomah branch line loop.

On-site Contractor: K & K, Inc. (K&K)

Overall Construction Start Date: Commenced May 12, 2025

**Construction Status:** FERC granted approval to place the Tomah branch line loop extension into service on September 24, 2025; the pipeline extension was placed in service September 30, 2025.

### **La Crescent Compressor Station**

Northern completed minor aboveground facility modifications within its existing La Crescent compressor station facility. The facility modifications consisted of the replacement of the current blind flanges with compressor cylinder end caps.

Archrock Services LP (Archrock) made the modifications at the La Crescent compressor station.

**Construction Status:** Construction was completed August 27, 2025. FERC granted Northern's request to place the facility in service September 15, 2025. The modifications were placed in service September 26, 2025.

### **PROJECT-WIDE AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND SITE VISITS**

On November 7, 2025, Northern filed a variance request seeking approval for additional extra temporary workspace to remediate additional subsidence areas on the entry side of HDD P4-5 for the Elk River 3rd branch line extension.

**PROJECT-WIDE LANDOWNER CONCERNS**

No project-wide landowner concerns were raised during this reporting period.

**PROJECT-WIDE NON-COMPLIANCE CONCERNS**

No project-wide non-compliance concerns were raised during this reporting period.

## PHOTOS

### Lake Mills to Albert Lea E-line



Facing north at MP 34.2, K&K constructing forms for thrust blocks



Facing north at MP 34.2, K&K torquing D-line tie-over flange bolts



Facing south at MP 34.19, K&K loading dumpster with construction debris for removal



Facing east at MP 34.2, Northern loading E-line extension with gas



Facing north at MP 31.2, K&K welding bull pen around farm tap north of County Road 9/135th Street



Facing east at MP 31.22, completed drain tile repair north of County Road 9/135th Street



Facing south at MP 33.8, K&K restoring topsoil south of 165th Street



Facing north at MP 34.2, K&K compacting backfill around D-line tie-over piping



Facing southeast at MP 34.2, K&K restoring topsoil south of 165th Street

### **Elk River 3rd Branch Line**



Facing west, remediation completed at HDD P4-5 exit side



Facing west near MP 1.00, winter stabilization in progress on disturbed areas



Facing south near MP 1.36, restoration ongoing



Facing south near MP 3.30, clean-up ongoing



Facing north near MP 3.24, restoration ongoing



Facing west near MP 3.42, at the Elk River tie-over

**Farmington-Hugo C-Line Extension**



Facing west near MP 0.55, temporary workspace seeded, mulched, and crimped



Facing south near MP 1.75, contractor discing the upland area prior to temporary seeding



Facing east near MP 0.65, contractor discing the agricultural field



Facing west near MP 1.90, contractor grading topsoil



Facing north near MP 1.60, contractor restoring travel lane topsoil



Facing south near MP 0.01, temporary workspace is seeded, mulched, and crimped



Facing west near MP 0.57, contractor removing the silt fence for final restoration



Facing north near MP 0.1, contractor continuing restoration



Facing south near MP 0.05, contractor mulching the temporary workspace with certified weed free straw



Facing southwest at MP 1.90, Farmington tie-over valve setting completed



Facing east near MP 0.55, contractor drill seeding the temporary workspace and access road



Facing south near MP1.34, temporary workspace seeded, mulched, and crimped

### **Tomah Branch Line Loop**



Facing north near MP 3.55, erosion control blanket (ECB) functional and staging area restored with cover crop emerging



Facing west near MP 2.51, slope breakers and straw wattles are in good condition and slope is revegetating



Facing north near MP 2.55, erosion controls are functional, and area is revegetating



Facing east near MP 2.25, slope breakers are functional, and area is revegetating