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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. 21

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 (Northern) submits for filing in the above-referenced docket its biweekly environmental inspector report for the period ending December 7, 2025.

As noted in the attached report, restoration has been completed and or stabilized for the winter and the contractors have demobilized. Northern is requesting approval to file quarterly reports going forward until installation of horizontal directional drill P4-5 on the Elk River 3rd branch line resumes in Spring 2026. Once construction recommences, Northern will file biweekly reports.

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. 21
Period Ending December 7, 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-line¹; (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 constructed and will 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 constructed and will 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 constructed 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 continued restoration for staging/office area north of 165th Street November 24, 2025. K&K completed restoration and office trailer removal November 25, 2025. K&K completed abrasive blasting and painting operations of the aboveground valve setting north of 165th Street November 24, 2025. K&K commenced and completed demobilization from project area November 25, 2025.

The site is now snow covered with forecasted highs of 33° F and below for the foreseeable future.

Construction Modifications:

No construction modifications occurred during this reporting period.

¹ 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.

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 36.24 inches of precipitation.

Lake Mills to Albert Lea E-line Construction Progress			
Activity	Start Date	Completed	Notes
Survey	4/16/2025	11/10/2025	Survey is complete
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	11/17/2025	Welding is complete
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	11/10/2025	Backfill is complete
Topsoil Restoration	9/27/2025	11/24/2025	Topsoil restoration is complete
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	11/20/2025	11/25/2025	Clean-up is complete
Seeding	6/17/2025	11/25/2025	Seeding is complete
*Completed totals include either percentage completed or date all completed. All totals are approximate.			

Two-Week Projection

1. Continue weekly and rain event stormwater inspections until the project reaches final stabilization.

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 Conducted²: This reporting period: 0 Total to date: 90

Construction Status:

Otis demobilized from the project November 21, 2025. The project is stabilized for the winter, is snow covered, and forecasted highs are 33° F and below.

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

Stream Crossings and Environmentally Sensitive Areas

No stream crossings occurred 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 23.45 inches of precipitation.

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 except for the horizontal directional drill (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 in 2026 to install P4-5. The area is stabilized for winter.
HDD ERT P4-6	6/20/2025	6/25/2025	Mears completed the HDD
HDD ERT P4-7	7/1/2025	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	80%	Otis completed clean-up for winter stabilization of the project.
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	80%	Otis completed clean-up for winter stabilization of the project
Seeding	10/1/2025	11/19/2025	Otis completed seeding
*Completed totals include either percentage completed or date all completed. All totals are approximate.			

² 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.

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-ground³ 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 Conducted²: This reporting period: 0 Total to date: 90

Construction Status:

The project was placed in service October 31, 2025. The contractor has demobilized from the site. The project is stabilized for the winter, is snow covered, and forecasted highs are 33 °F and below.

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: The pipeline extension was placed in service September 30, 2025. The project is stabilized for the winter, is snow covered, and forecasted highs are 33° F and below.

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.

³ 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.

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

Construction Status: The modifications were placed in service September 26, 2025.

PROJECT-WIDE AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND SITE VISITS

There were no project-wide agency communications or site visits during this reporting period.

As indicated above, restoration has been completed and or stabilized for the winter and the contractors have demobilized. Northern is requesting to file quarterly reports going forward until installation of HDD P4-5 on the Elk River 3rd branch line resumes in the Spring 2026. Northern will file biweekly reports once construction recommences.

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 northeast at MP 34.20, K&K replaced topsoil at the staging area north of 165th Street.



Facing north at MP 34.20, K&K decompacting topsoil at the staging area north of 165th Street.



Facing north at MP 34.20, K&K completed abrasive blasting and painting operations for the aboveground valve setting north of 165th Street.



Facing northwest at MP 34.20, K&K completed installation of permanent erosion control devices (ECDs) for the roadside ditch (temporary access road for the staging area) north of 165th Street.



Facing west at MP 34.20, K&K continued haul-off of materials and equipment from the staging area north of 165th Street.



Facing west at MP 34.20, K&K demobilizing equipment from staging area north of 165th Street.



Facing south at MP 34.20, decompacted temporary workspace south of 165th Street. Erosion control blankets (ECBs) installed on roadside ditch (temporary access road).



Facing south at MP 33.95, south of 165th Street, decompacted temporary workspace.



Facing south at MP 32.45, south of 154th Street, decompacted temporary workspace.



Facing south at MP 31.95, south of 140th Street, decompacted temporary workspace. Roadside ditch (temporary access road) seeded with Minnesota DOT 25-141 (General Roadside) and ECBs installed on roadside ditch (temporary access road).



Facing north at MP 31.45, south of 140th Street and north of 135th Street, temporary workspace is seeded with Minnesota CP1, mulched and crimped.



Facing north at MP 31.20, north of 135th Street, temporary workspace seeded with Minnesota CP1, mulched and crimped. Roadside ditch (temporary access road) seeded with Minnesota DOT 24-151 (General Roadside) and ECBs installed.



Facing south at MP 31.2, south of 135th Street, decompacted temporary workspace. Roadside ditch (temporary access road) seeded with Minnesota DOT 25-141 (General roadside) and ECBs installed on roadside ditch (temporary access road).



Facing northeast, north of 140th Street, ECBs covered in snow.

Elk River 3rd Branch Line



Facing north near MP 3.30, silt fence functional and site is snow covered.



Facing east near MP 2.84, extra temporary workspace approved under variance and is snow covered.



Facing east near MP 2.40, redundant silt fence is in good condition and site is snow covered.

Farmington-to-Hugo C-Line



Facing south near MP 0.10, silt fence is functional, and site is snow covered.



Facing south near MP 0.56, silt fence functional and site is snow covered.



Facing north near MP 1.35, silt fence protecting wetland FRM-W13 is functional, and site is snow covered.

Tomah Branch Line Loop



Facing east near MP 2.35, sediment controls are in good condition and site is snow covered.



Facing east near MP 3.53, former staging area restored to agricultural use and is snow covered.