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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  
Quarterly Status Report No. 1

Dear Ms. Reese:

Pursuant to Condition 8 of the Order Issuing Certificate and Approving Abandonment issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) February 19, 2025, Northern Natural Gas hereby submits for filing in the above-referenced docket its quarterly environmental inspector report for the period ending March 7, 2026.<sup>1</sup> . As noted in the report, Northern will recommence biweekly reporting April 6, 2026, for the Elk River 3rd branch line. Quarterly reporting will continue for the other Northern Lights 2025 project components.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> Andrea Bloomfield, FERC staff agreed to Northern filing quarterly reports for the winter or until construction activities recommenced.

**Northern Natural Gas Company**  
**Northern Lights 2025 (CP24-60-000)**  
**Quarterly Status Report No. 1**  
**Period Ending March 7, 2026**

**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>2</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 constructed and is operating 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 is operating 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:** The project was placed in-service November 1, 2025. K&K completed demobilization from the project area November 25, 2025.

The site was subjected to alternating snow cover and thawing conditions throughout this quarter. All erosion and sediment controls remained functional.

**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.

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<sup>2</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.

**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.

**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; as noted below, a new contractor will complete the remaining construction activities March 23, 2026. The environmental training totals listed below reflect all training conducted to date for this component.

On-site Contractor: InterCon Construction Inc. (InterCon)

Overall Construction Start Date: Commenced April 24, 2025, new contractor scheduled to mobilize March 23, 2026

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

**Construction Status:**

Otis Minnesota Services, LLC (Otis) demobilized from the project site November 21, 2025. The project remained stable through the winter. InterCon will complete the remaining tasks on the project and plans to commence mobilization activities March 23, 2026. Northern will recommence biweekly reporting April 6, 2026, for the Elk River project component.

**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.

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<sup>3</sup> The same contractor and crews were 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 to date and any subcontractors; however, are double counted between the two projects.

## 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.			

## Farmington to Hugo C-Line Extension

Northern constructed and is operating a non-contiguous 1.90-mile extension of its 30-inch-diameter Farmington to Hugo C-line in Washington County, Minnesota. The new extension was 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 was completed at a new below-ground<sup>4</sup> valve setting in Section 7, T31N, R20W, Washington County, Minnesota.

## Environmental Training

One contractor constructed 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

<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 landowner requested the valve setting be installed below ground rather than aboveground as originally proposed.

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

**Construction Status:**

The project was placed in service October 31, 2025, and the contractor demobilized from the site. The project was stabilized for the winter. Otis mobilized and repaired snow-damaged silt fences March 4, 2026. The contractor will return in the spring for final seeding.

**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 was stabilized for the winter. All erosion and sediment control devices remain functional.

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

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

No project-wide agency communications or site visits occurred during this reporting period.

**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 from 135th Street, erosion control blanket functional and right of way stable



Facing southeast at MP 31.20, erosion control blanket functional and right of way returned to agricultural use

**Elk River 3rd Branch Line**



Facing east at MP 2.93, repaired subsidence shows no signs of reoccurrence



Facing west near MP 3.5, former staging area with ice standing on right of way

**Farmington-to-Hugo C-Line**



Facing east near MP 0.10, Otis repairing snow-damaged silt fence



Facing south near MP 1.38, silt fence functional and site is snow covered and thawing

**Tomah Branch Line Loop**



Facing east near MP 2.55, sediment controls are in good condition and site is snow covered



Facing east near MP 2.50, hillside stable with near 70% vegetation