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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 – Elk River 3rd Branch Line Extension
Docket No. CP24-60-000
Biweekly Status Report No. 22

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 Elk River 3rd branch line extension for the period ending May 3, 2026. All other project components are complete, were placed in service in 2025, and will be reported in a combined biweekly and quarterly report on June 15, 2026.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Northern Lights 2025 – Elk River 3rd Branch Line (CP24-60-000)

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Period Ending May 3, 2026

FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION STATUS

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

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 complete 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: InterCon Construction, Inc. (InterCon)¹

Overall Construction Start Date: Commenced April 20, 2025

Environmental Training Conducted: This reporting period: 13 Total to date: 103

Construction Status:

InterCon commenced mobilization to the project site April 20, 2026. Egan, Fields and Nowak, LLC (EFN) commenced restaking the project between mile post (MP) 1.0 and MP 3.5. InterCon commenced repair and installation of new stormwater best management practices between MP 2.3 and MP 3.5. InterCon commenced topsoil removal between MP 2.3 and MP 3.5.

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

Stream Crossings and Environmentally Sensitive Areas

No stream or environmentally sensitive area crossings occurred during this reporting period.

Rain Events

One rain event of 0.50 inch or greater occurred during this reporting period. The project received 1.09 inches of rainfall April 24, 2026. To date the project has received 24.54 inches of precipitation.

¹ Northern has contracted with InterCon to complete the Elk River 3rd branch line extension in 2026.

Elk River 3rd Branch Line Construction Progress			
Activity	Start Date	Completed	Notes
Survey	4/10/2025	5/2/2025	Primary survey is complete
Re-survey	4/20/2026		Resurvey the project site for 2026 construction activities
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 horizontal directional drill (HDD) P4-5, which is scheduled to resume May 18, 2026
Ditching	7/9/2025	95%	Ditching is complete except for HDD P4-5 tie-in area
HDD ERT P4-1	9/6/2025	9/24/2025	Complete
HDD ERT P4-2	7/15/2025	8/15/2025	Complete
HDD ERT P4-3	5/22/2025	6/14/2025	Complete
HDD ERT P4-4	9/6/2025	9/12/2025	Complete
HDD ERT P4-5	6/20/2025	0%	Contractor is erecting sound walls and HDD equipment is scheduled to mobilize May 11, 2026.
HDD ERT P4-6	6/20/2025	6/25/2025	Complete
HDD ERT P4-7	7/1/2025	7/3/2025	Complete
Lower-in	7/9/2025	90%	Final section to be completed after HDD P4-5 completion
Backfill	7/9/2025	90%	Final section to be completed after HDD P4-5 completion
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	Complete
Clean-up	10/1/2025	80%	Site stabilized for winter
Seeding	10/1/2025	80%	Seeded for winter. Final seeding to be completed after HDD P4-5 completion
*Completed totals include either percentage completed or date all completed. All totals are approximate.			

Two-Week Projection

1. Installation of soundwalls
2. Continue removal and stockpiling of topsoil
3. Complete mobilization of equipment
4. Commence HDD P4-5

Spill Totals

All project derived waste will be properly managed and every effort will be made to eliminate spills. No spills occurred during this reporting period.

AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND SITE VISITS

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

LANDOWNER CONCERNS

There were no landowner concerns during this reporting period.

NON-COMPLIANCE CONCERNS

No non-compliance concerns were identified during this reporting period.

PHOTOS

Elk River 3rd Branch Line



Facing west near MP 2.39, InterCon installing silt fence



Facing east near MP 2.35, silt fence installed prior to removing topsoil



Facing east near MP 2.3, certified weed-free straw bales installed at the access road to enclose the temporary workspace and exclude Blanding's turtles



Facing south near MP 2.39, InterCon conducting hydrovac to locate the utilities prior to construction



Facing southeast near MP 2.36, port-a-lav placed in secondary containment



Facing east near MP 2.35, InterCon commencing topsoil removal



Facing west near MP 3.4, InterCon installing silt fence



Facing north near MP 1.0, silt fence functioning properly after repairs