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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. 23

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 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 17, 2026. All other project components are complete, were placed in service in 2025, and will be reported in a combined bi-weekly 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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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 in 2026. 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: 9 Total to date: 112

Construction Status:

InterCon continued mobilization to the project site. Egan, Fields and Nowak, LLC (EFN) completed re-staking the project between mile post (MP) 1.0 and MP 3.5. InterCon completed installation of sound walls. InterCon completed repair and installation of new stormwater best management practices between MP 2.3 and MP 3.5. InterCon completed topsoil removal between MP 2.3 and MP 3.5. InterCon commenced the mobilization of the horizontal directional drill (HDD) equipment to site P4-5.

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

No rain event of 0.50 inch or greater occurred during this reporting period. 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 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 completed installation of sound walls and commenced mobilization of HDD equipment
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	Hot tap and valve installation is complete. The valve setting is not connected to the new pipeline.
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. Commence stringing bore pipe.
2. Commence welding/coating bore pipe
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

On May 6, 2026, Hans Shieh with the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) called Northern's pipeline safety department regarding an interested individual's (not an affected landowner) concerns with HDD P4-5 that PHMSA received. The concerns included: Was the HDD bore from last year abandoned and if so, was it plugged with bentonite or grout? Concerns on proximity of the HDD bore and impact on residential water supply wells. Concerns regarding drilling mud additives and potential contamination of water supply wells. Northern responded to PHMSA with answers to the inquiry May 7, 2026. The previous bore path was grouted with a neat cement grout. Two landowners had requested well testing and Northern provided the pre-drill and post-plugging results to PHMSA. Northern will test the same wells again after the 2026 drilling is completed.

Northern also stated that all drilling fluids were either ANSI/NSF 60 or 61 listed and provided the list to PHMSA.

On May 12, Tetra Tech conducted its monthly right of way inspection on behalf of FERC staff.

LANDOWNER CONCERNS

Other than the discussion under Agency Communications, 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 3.4, staging area topsoiled and matted



Facing north near MP 2.4, InterCon installing the soundwalls at entry side of HDD P4-5



Facing north near MP 2.4, drill rig delivered to HDD P4-5 entry side



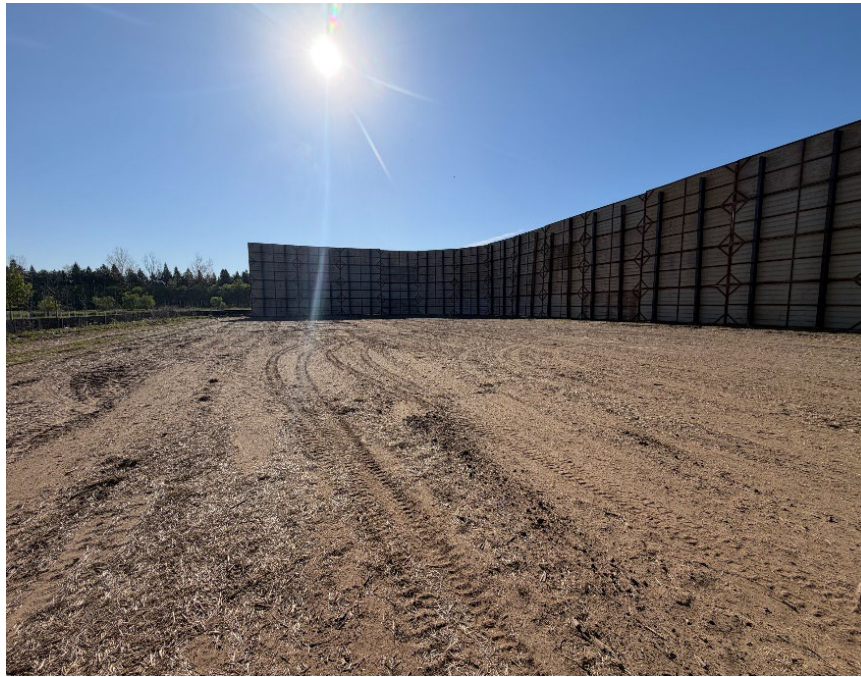
Facing north near MP 3.42, InterCon placed the generator in secondary containment



Facing southwest near MP3.5, InterCon stabilizing the topsoil pile with certified weed-free straw



Facing east near MP 3.0, InterCon installing the sound wall on HDD P4-5 exit side



Facing east near MP 3.0, soundwalls completed on HDD P4-5 exit side