

# Northernnotes

We are in business to serve our customers. Fairly. Efficiently. Reliably.

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## MESSAGE FROM LAURA DEMMAN

At Northern Natural Gas, our work is about more than pipelines and compressor stations. It's about people and communities. Every day, we work alongside our customers to keep their homes warm, our businesses thriving and communities strong. This partnership is rooted in trust and a shared responsibility to safely and reliably deliver energy.

Carrying out this promise requires personal commitment and attention to detail so our customers never have to worry about their natural gas supply. This dedication shapes our culture and highlights the importance of lasting partnerships.

As we build on this foundation, I'm pleased to share several recent leadership updates. Brian Mundt has been named president of Northern Natural Gas and Kern River Gas Transmission, and Tom Halpin is Northern's new vice president, customer service and business development. I have recently assumed the role of president and CEO of BHE Pipeline Group and will continue reporting to Mark Hewett, who now serves as president and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway Energy.

Our greatest strength remains our team-based culture and unwavering commitment to our customers. We are able to succeed because of the diligence, expertise and dedication of the more than 1,000 people at Northern working together to serve our community.

Thank you for your trust and partnership. Together with our customers, we look forward to building a future of safe, reliable energy for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Laura Demman  
President and CEO, BHE Pipeline Group



## ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Brian Mundt has been named president of Northern Natural Gas and Kern River Gas Transmission and will continue to report to Laura Demman, president and CEO of BHE Pipeline Group.

Brian has more than 30 years of leadership experience in energy operations, engineering and construction. He began his career at MidAmerican as an engineer in 1993, subsequently held several leadership roles and was ultimately promoted to general manager of the Walter Scott Energy Center. In 2009, Brian joined Northern to lead the engineering group. He was named vice president, field operations in 2017, and became vice president, operations in 2022. Brian earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from South Dakota State University and an MBA from the University of Nebraska.

Brian looks forward to strengthening customer relationships and remains committed to ensuring Northern and Kern River continue delivering reliable service across their service areas.

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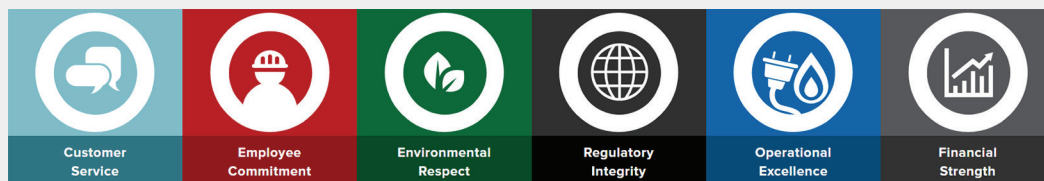
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## 2025 WINTER FORUM RECAP

Northern Natural Gas welcomed 70 customers from nearly 40 companies to its annual Winter Forum, held September 17-19 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The event united Northern's commercial and operations teams for three days of collaboration, learning and industry insights.

The forum began with gas scheduling training led by Northern's customer service team, followed by a business meeting that highlighted recent pipeline expansion projects, regulatory developments and operational updates.

A highlight of the forum was a presentation by guest speaker Nikolay Filchev, associate director, S&P Global Commodity Insights, who shared insights into the five-year natural gas outlook, examining both supply and demand trends.

Looking ahead, Northern is excited to announce that the 2026 Winter Forum will take place September 16-18, 2026, in Denver, Colorado.

We hope to see you there!



## NORTHERN NATURAL GAS HONORS SEPTEMBER 11 VICTIMS AT MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Northern Natural Gas employees attended a memorial at the company's Omaha headquarters to remember the victims and heroes of September 11, 2001.

The memorial ceremony included a presentation of colors by the Omaha Police Bagpipe and Drum Honor Guard and special guest speaker, retired deputy director Stratcom Glenn Ward. Ward served for 43 years and shared his unique perspective on the events of September 11. As the deputy director of U.S. Strategic Command, Ward was in the situation room with former President Bush as the aftermath of the attack unfolded.

Ward reflected on the events of that historic day and emphasized that remembrance is not passive; it is an active commitment to honoring the past and shaping the future.



Omaha Police Department Honor Guard



Omaha Police Department Honor Guard and Pipe and Drums Corp.



Guest speaker retired deputy director Stratcom Glenn Ward

## NORTHERN UNITED GOLF TOURNAMENT

On October 17, 2025, Northern Natural Gas hosted its fourth annual Northern United Golf Tournament to benefit United Way of the Midlands. The event continues to grow each year in both participation and impact.

This year, nearly 200 golfers and 39 vendor sponsors joined together to raise more than \$75,000, a remarkable increase from last year's total of around \$55,000.

The tournament provides employees and contractors with opportunities to connect, network and enjoy a day of golf all while supporting local communities. We're proud to see this event continue to grow and make a lasting difference.



Left to right: Beau Brown (United Way), Tim Callahan (United Way), Michael Blue (United Way), Nate Haynes (United Way), Madison Miller (Northern Natural Gas), Mia Jewett (Northern Natural Gas), Frank Rozmus (Northern Natural Gas)





## 2025 RATE CASE UPDATE

Northern Natural Gas filed a rate case July 1, 2025, to recover the significant capital investment made since Northern's last rate case in 2022. Northern continues to invest in the reliability, modernization and regulatory compliance of its system, and by year-end 2025, will have invested \$1.6 billion in non-revenue generating capital that is not recovered in Northern's current rates.

On July 31, 2025, Northern proposed settlement rates and subsequently provided a comprehensive analysis to support the settlement offer. Over the past several months, Northern has provided substantial incremental data requested by the case participants. On November 18, 2025, a settlement conference occurred during which the joint participants presented their position on a few select topics, reserving several issues for future discussion.

All parties remain in discussions, with a virtual settlement conference check-in scheduled for January 8, 2026.

Please visit Northern's website or reach out to your marketing representative for additional information.



## NORTHERN WORKS AROUND NESTING BALD EAGLES

Northern Natural Gas is committed to delivering projects that meet our customers' needs and timelines. However, sometimes wildlife and environmental laws require plan adjustments.

At the beginning of the Northern Lights 2025 Farmington-to-Hugo C-line project, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources informed Northern of a possible bald eagle nest at the north end of the Keystone Woods Wildlife Management Area. Environmental inspectors from Northern, along with biologists from Stantec, Inc., confirmed the nest was active.

To proceed responsibly, Northern and Stantec obtained a bald eagle disturbance permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1942. A two-tier buffer zone was established around the nest:

- The first buffer was 330 feet from the nest and was an absolute exclusion zone for all activities
- The second buffer was 660 feet from the nest and allowed limited construction activities under the supervision of an eagle biologist, who monitored the eagles and their young to ensure they were not disturbed

Northern's contractor, Otis Minnesota Services, LLC, chose to delay the horizontal directional drill into the area until the young eagles had fledged and left the nest. The eagles departed the nest in early August, and drilling began later that month and was completed successfully within 30 days.



*Immature bald eagles starting to venture away from the nest*



*Mature bald eagle perched near the nest*



## NORTH BRANCH COMPRESSOR STATION

In 2025, Northern Natural Gas replaced four 1960s-vintage compressor units, totaling 8,000 horsepower, at the North Branch compressor station with three modern units. The new units improve reliability, reduce the risk of downtime, enhance operational flexibility and significantly lower emissions.

The vintage units were increasingly difficult to maintain due to long lead times for replacement parts, limited industry support and the inability to meet evolving emissions compliance standards. In addition to replacing the compressors, the project also modernized auxiliary systems and equipment, further reducing risks to reliability and maintainability at the station. This investment reflects Northern's ongoing commitment to customer service, public safety and environmental stewardship.



*North Branch Compressor Station*



*North Branch Unit 7 - Waukesha L7044/Ariel KRK/4 Reciprocating Engine-Compressor Package*



*North Branch Unit 5 - Solar Centaur 40 Turbine-Compressor Package*



## EXPANSION UPDATES

Northern Natural Gas has a long history of collaborating with customers to expand its pipeline capacity. Since 2007, investments of approximately \$1 billion have been made to add 1.5 Bcf/day of Market Area capacity. Over the years, Northern and its customers have consistently partnered to complete mutually beneficial Market Area and Field Area expansion projects to provide additional firm transportation service required to meet ongoing growth requirements.

Recently, Northern placed over 133,000 Dth/day in-service through the Northern Lights 2025 and Field to Demarc expansions, with an associated investment of \$105 million. These projects will support the growth required by several customers.

The expansion activity is expected to continue into 2026 and beyond. Northern plans to file for authorization to construct additional capacity for in-service dates in 2027 and 2028, with an estimated capital investment of \$454 million. Open seasons are also anticipated to address projected growth in both the Market Area and Field Area.

Northern remains committed to working closely with its existing and prospective customers to develop cost-effective solutions for transportation service. These efforts are focused on meeting new demand from electric generation, data center demand and local utility growth. Northern stands ready to expand its system at any time and looks forward to the continued partnership with its customers.

## HAVE YOU MET...? SEAN MCCORMICK



Sean McCormick joined Northern Natural Gas in June 2021 as a customer service representative. In September 2024, Sean was promoted to manager, customer service. Prior to joining Northern, Sean worked at Amazon as a supply chain manager.

Sean earned a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

In his free time, Sean enjoys watching sports and spending time with his wife and 18-month-old son.

## HAVE YOU MET...? JUSTIN JONES



Justin Jones joined Northern Natural Gas in 2021 as a manager, district operations. In 2025, Justin was promoted to director, regional operations, north region. Prior to joining Northern, Justin worked at Black Hills Energy as an operations director.

Justin earned a bachelor's degree from Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, and has a master's degree in criminal justice from Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont.

In his free time, Justin enjoys all things outdoors, including hunting, fishing and boating.

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## CUSTOMER COMMITMENT

### Northern Natural Gas' Vision Statement

To be the preferred provider of natural gas transportation and storage services based on our integrity, operational excellence, financial strength and environmental responsibility.

### Northern Natural Gas' Mission Statement

We are in business to serve our customers.  
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### These statements mean that we will focus on these priorities.

- We will deliver what we promise on time.
- We will share the purpose behind our actions.
- We will commit to making it easy to do business with us.
- We will negotiate and perform in good faith.
- We will continue to invest in the pipeline in order to provide you highly reliable service and to meet your future growth needs.

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## ABOUT US

Northern Natural Gas is based in Omaha, Nebraska, and operates the largest interstate natural gas pipeline system in the United States, extending from the Permian Basin in Texas to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Northern provides transportation and storage services to numerous utilities and end-use customers in the Upper Midwest. Northern provides cross-haul and grid transportation between other interstate and intrastate pipelines in the Permian, Mid-Continent and Midwest areas. Northern also operates three underground natural gas storage facilities and two liquefied natural gas peaking units. These storage facilities are fully contracted and are central to meeting Northern's customers' peak-day system requirements.

Northern accesses supply from every major Mid-Continent basin, as well as the Permian, Rocky Mountain and Western Canadian basins. This supply is ultimately delivered to end-use customers in Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

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