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In Reply Refer To:
OEP/DG2E/Gas 4
Northern Natural Gas Company
Northern Lights 2019 Expansion/
Rochester Projects
Docket No. CP18-534-000

March 21, 2019

Michael T. Loeffler
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Northern Natural Gas Company
1111 South 103rd Street
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**Re: Notice to Proceed with Expansion of Two Compressor Stations and the New
Prague Branch Line**

Dear Mr. Loeffler:

I grant Northern Natural Gas Company's (Northern) February 27, 2019 request to install the additional certificated horsepower at the existing Faribault and Owatonna Compressors Stations, and to construct the New Prague Branch Line. In considering this notice to proceed, we have reviewed your Implementation Plan, also filed on February 27, 2019, as supplemented on March 12, 2019, which included the information necessary to meet the construction conditions of the Commission's February 21, 2019, *Order Issuing Certificate* (Order) in the above-referenced docket. In addition, we have confirmed the receipt of all federal authorizations relevant to the approved station expansions/upgrades.

Construction of other facilities, including the new Carver Compressor Station, is not authorized at this time. The vast majority of the natural gas deliveries to be aided by the Carver Compressor Station require the construction of project elements that have not yet been cleared by the cultural resources and consultation requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Once Northern files the necessary information to allow FERC staff to complete Section 106 consultation, I will re-evaluate your request.

I remind you that Northern must comply with all applicable remaining terms and conditions of the Order. If you have any questions regarding this approval, contact the environmental project manager, Julia Yuan, at 202-502-8130.

Sincerely,

Dave Swearingen
Chief, Gas Branch 4
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and Engineering

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