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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 22, 2019

Michael T. Loeffler
Senior Director, Certificates and External Affairs
Northern Natural Gas Company
1111 South 103rd Street
Omaha, NE 68124-1000

Re: Approval of Variances for New Prague Branch Line

Dear Mr. Loeffler:

In compliance with environmental condition 5 of the Commission's February 21, 2019, *Order Issuing Certificate* (Order) for Northern Natural Gas Company's (Northern) Northern Lights 2019 Expansion and Rochester Projects, I approve the requested variances for the New Prague Branch Line, filed February 27, 2019, for full construction. The approved variances are identified in the attached table A.

In considering these approvals, we have reviewed your Implementation Plan, also filed on February 27, 2019. In addition, we have confirmed the receipt of all federal authorizations relevant to the approved activities herein.

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, you may contact me at 202-502-8130.

Sincerely,

Julia Yuan
Environmental Project Manager, Gas
Branch 4
Division of Gas – Environment
and Engineering

Attachment

Table A: Approved February 27, 2019 Variances for the Northern Lights 2019 Expansion Project		
Project Component	Milepost	Reason for Change
New Prague Branch Line		
	All	Reduced the centerline to parallel the existing pipe offset from 50 feet to 25 feet in compliance with Condition 12 of the Order; this changed additional temporary workspace (ATWS) and staging area dimensions.
	All	Updated HDD profiles due to the reduction in the pipeline offset and new pipeline alignments.
	0.00	Removed 15' x 30' valve site as the valve site is no longer needed for tie-in.
	0.4	Extended and widened access road to provide easier access from City Road 143.
	0.8	Added an ATWS to accommodate landowner request to avoid drain tiles.