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***Via eFiling***

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: **Northern Natural Gas Company  
Northern Lights 2019/Rochester Expansion Projects  
Docket No. CP18-534-000  
Faribault Compressor Station Variance Request – Nighttime Construction**

Dear Ms. Bose;

Pursuant to Condition 1 of the Order Issuing Certificate and Approving Abandonment issued February 21, 2019, in the above-referenced docket, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) hereby submits for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) a request for written approval to commence construction activities as described below during nighttime hours (i.e., after 7 p.m.) at the Faribault compressor station.

Due to a delay in receiving the air permit for the Faribault compressor station, construction of the compressor building foundation was delayed. In order to maintain the project schedule, Northern is proposing to commence nighttime construction beginning the week of June 17 and to continue nighttime construction as needed for six weeks; a second shift consisting of 8-10 workers will be added to work the nighttime hours. The estimated duration is necessary to recover the project schedule following the delay in the issuance of air permits.

Construction activities will include electrical work. No heavy equipment will be operated during nighttime hours. Man-lifts will be used within the control and compressor buildings and between the two buildings. A generator will be on-site, but will not be used during nighttime hours. A large topsoil berm along the north boundary of the project and the existing station facilities along the south boundary will shield, to some extent, the three nearby residences from noise. Two of the residences are located approximately 0.25 mile from the site. Equipment and office trailers positioned along the western boundary of the extra temporary workspace boundary will provide additional shielding from noise

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and light. While the majority of the nighttime work will be confined to the building interiors, light towers will be used as needed to ensure the safety of personnel working between the buildings. Lighting of the work area will be oriented to minimize the impact on the neighboring landowners. Lighting will be placed at least 15 to 20 feet above ground to allow the construction team to shine the light down directly on the work area rather than across or beyond the site.

Northern will speak with the three adjacent property owners regarding the nighttime construction activities and the potential impact and offer mitigation including relocation. The landowners will be provided Northern contact information. In order to ensure a continuation of construction activities to ensure a November 1, 2019, in-service date, Northern is requesting written approval be issued as soon as possible to commence construction activities as described during the night.

Any questions regarding this filing should be addressed to the undersigned at 402-398-7103.

Respectfully Submitted,

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