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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 Expansion and Rochester Project
Docket No. CP18-534-000
Withdrawal of New Prague Branch Line Loop Variance Request, Notice of Start
of Construction – Rockford to Buffalo Greenfield Lateral, and Request for
Variance

Dear Ms. Bose:

Withdrawal of Variance Request:

Due to a change in site conditions, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), hereby withdraws its request for written approval to horizontal directional drill (HDD) a section of the New Prague branch line loop. The request for approval of the variance was filed with the Commission June 12, 2019.

Notice of Start of Construction:

In accordance with Ordering Paragraph (B) of the Order Issuing Certificate and Approving Abandonment issued February 21, 2019, by the Commission and Section 157.20(c)(1) of the Commission's regulations, Northern hereby files notice of the bona fide beginning of construction for the Rockford to Buffalo greenfield lateral (Rockford Lateral). On June 14, 2019, construction commenced on the Rockford Lateral.

In addition, Northern requests approval of the following variance request for the Rockford Lateral as described in its May 31, 2019, filing.

Alignment Sheet P3-12: In accordance with an alignment sheet filed May 31, 2019, Northern requests authority to increase the access road width at MP 4.51 from 30 feet to 50 feet to better accommodate construction traffic and equipment; the section of access road that overlapped the staging area was removed. The access road also was shifted off of landowner WR-027B, removing the landowner from the project. The extra temporary workspace (ETWS) was adjusted accordingly based on the change to the access road.

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The modified areas have been surveyed, fall within the environmentally surveyed areas, and will not result in any additional impacts to cultural resources, threatened and endangered species or wetlands. No additional agency consultations are required. The land use is the same as the originally proposed access road and ETWS. Northern has obtained the necessary land rights for the modifications.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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