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Northern Natural Gas Company  
Northern Lights 2019 Expansion/  
Rochester Projects  
Docket No. CP18-534-000

June 18, 2019

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

**Re: Notice to Proceed with La Crosse Branch Line MAOP Uprate and Relocation of MAOP Regulator, and Approval of Variance for the Rockford to Buffalo Greenfield Lateral**

Dear Mr. Loeffler:

I grant Northern Natural Gas Company's (Northern) June 13, 2019 request to commence uprate of the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of the existing 8-mile segment of the La Crosse Branch Line, and relocate the MAOP regulator from Freeborn to Mower County, Minnesota. Additionally, I approve the requested variance to increase the access road width at mile post 4.51 from 30 feet to 50 feet for the Rockford to Buffalo Greenfield Lateral, as described in your May 31, 2019 filing.

In considering this notice to proceed, we have reviewed your Implementation Plan, filed on February 27, 2019, along with your supplemental filings of March 13, 2019; April 1 and 19, 2019; and May 31, 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 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, contact me at 202-502-8130.

Sincerely,

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