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

August 23, 2019

VIA FERC Service

Michael T. Loeffler
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Northern Natural Gas Company
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Re: Approval of Nighttime Horizontal Directional Drill Activities at Certain HDD Locations — Rochester Greenfield Lateral, Rockford to Buffalo Greenfield Lateral, and Alexandria Branch Line Loop Extension

Dear Mr. Loeffler:

I approve Northern Natural Gas Company's (Northern's) August 21, 2019 request to conduct horizontal directional drill (HDD) activities past 7:00 p.m. at seven HDD locations:

- Alexandria Branch Line Loop Extension
 - Wetlands and Private Driveway
- Rochester Greenfield Lateral
 - North Branch of the Root River
 - South Fork Zumbro River
 - 55th Street SW and Wetland
 - Salem Creek
- Rockford to Buffalo Greenfield Lateral
 - Deegan Drive SE
 - Crow River

Any work conducted past the estimated hours (due to “unforeseen circumstances”) must be documented in Northern's regular construction status reports. Northern is committed to contacting adjacent landowners, monitoring noise at nearby noise sensitive areas, implementing noise barriers and other noise reducing and mitigation measures, and responding to and investigating concerns that may arise from the nighttime activities.

Your request is in compliance with environmental condition 16 of the Commission's February 21, 2019, *Order Issuing Certificate* (Order) in above-referenced docket. 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
Division of Gas – Environment
and Engineering

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