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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
Cedar Station Upgrade
Docket No. CP16-487-000
Quarterly Report #3**

Dear Ms. Bose;

Pursuant to Condition 8 of the Order Issuing Certificate issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) August 22, 2017, in the above-referenced docket, and subsequent discussions with FERC staff, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) hereby submits for filing its quarterly status report for the period ending August 31, 2019. As indicated in previous reports, in accordance with discussions with FERC staff, effective December 1, 2018, Northern will submit quarterly reports in lieu of weekly reports.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Michael T. Loeffler

Michael T. Loeffler
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Attachment

**Northern Natural Gas
Cedar Station Upgrade Project (CP16-487-000)
Quarterly Status Report No. 3
Reporting Period: June 1, 2019 - August 31, 2019**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project consists of a 7.86-mile-long, 20-inch-diameter pipeline in Dakota County, Minnesota. New valve settings with inline inspection facilities will be installed at each end of the pipeline.

FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION STATUS

The status of all federal authorizations are listed in the table below.

Permit/Approval	Administering Agency	Status
Federal		
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity	Federal Regulatory Commission (FERC)	Certificate issued 8/22/17
Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Original No Effect determination received 6/2/2016; subsequent to the No Effect determination, the rusty-patch bumble bee was added to the list of endangered species. On 4/27/2017, a May Affect But Not Likely to Adversely Affect Determination was issued.
Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10; Clean Water Act, Sections 404 (dredge/fill) and 401 (water quality certification)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Permit received 4/24/2017
Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Consultation	Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office	No Effect concurrence received 4/13/17
State		
State Listed Threatened & Endangered Species Consultation	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Concurrence received 6/22/2016
License to Cross Public Waters Wetlands	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Completed 7/22/2016

Permit/Approval	Administering Agency	Status
Water Appropriation General Permit (hydrostatic test water and trench dewatering)	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Permits for first 1.5 miles for open cut received 3/20/2017; remaining permits received 4/13/2017
NPDES ¹ Permit for Storm Water Discharge from Construction Activities	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Permit received 3/21/2017, additional permit received 4/19/2019

¹NPDES = National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

Restoration Status

Between June 1, 2019, and August 31, 2019, all areas of the project with the exception of two areas either achieved 70% vegetative coverage or had responsibility for restoration assumed by developers or a land management agency. Lebanon Hills Regional Park assumed responsibility for restoration within the park boundaries and completed their prairie restoration. Home builders have assumed responsibility for restoration between approximate MP 3.3 and MP 3.5. The developer constructed a walking path within the pipeline right of way, and homes are currently under construction adjacent to the right of way. The two areas remaining for restoration include a small depression at MP 1.9 and a small repaired sink hole at approximate MP 4.3. The right of way adjacent to both locations has achieved 60-65% vegetation density. The contractor removed sediment control devices from all locations with the exception of MP 4.3. The landowner at MP 4.3 requested that the silt fence remain until the repaired sink hole revegetates.

Photos of this quarter's activities



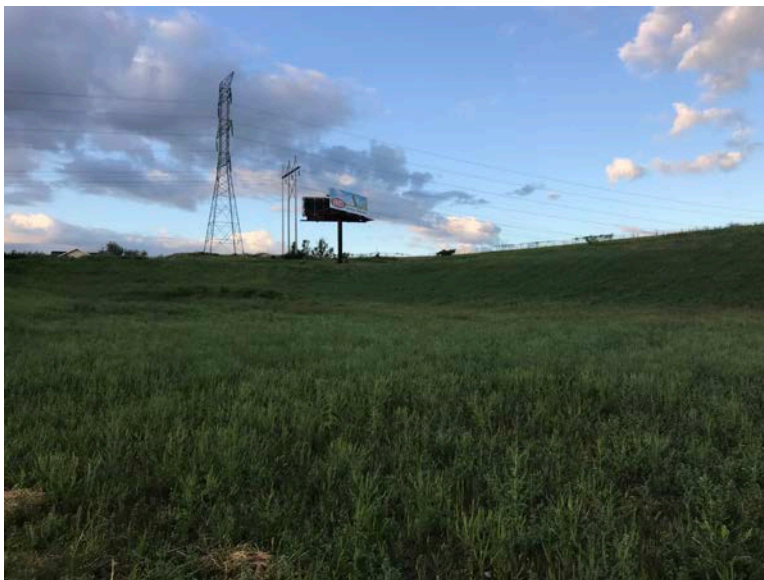
Facing west at MP 1.9, depression in horse pasture that holds water after rain



Facing east, MP 4.3, redundant silt fence protecting wetland W-42; area is at approximately 65% revegetation.



Facing west at MP 5.6, adjacent to Wetland W-31, vegetation exceeds 70% density and is typical of the project right of way



Facing southwest, MP 6.9, former staging area exceeds 70% vegetation density