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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 #5**

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 (Northern) hereby submits for filing its quarterly status report for the period ending February 29, 2020. As indicated in previous reports, in accordance with discussions with FERC staff, effective December 1, 2018, Northern is submitting quarterly 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. 5
Reporting Period: December 1, 2019 – February 29, 2020

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 December 1, 2019, and February 29, 2019, all areas of the project with the exception of one area either achieved 70% vegetative coverage or had responsibility for restoration assumed by developers or a land management agency. The only area remaining for restoration included a small depression at MP 1.9 which was regraded May 2019 and has achieved 65% vegetative cover. The project remained snow covered during the reporting period; however, weekly inspections are ongoing.

Photos of this quarter's activities



Facing south at MP 1.9, pasture remains snow covered