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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 Lights 2021 Expansion Project
Docket No. PF20-1-000
Monthly Status Report (March 7, 2019 – April 6, 2020)

Dear Ms. Bose:

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 157.21(f)(6) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) hereby submits for filing in the above-referenced docket its monthly status report for the proposed Northern Lights 2021 Expansion project. On December 6, 2019, the Commission approved Northern's request to use the pre-filing environmental review procedures set forth at 18 C.F.R. Section 157.21.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/signed/ Michael T. Loeffler

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**Northern Natural Gas Company
Northern Lights 2021 Expansion Project
Docket No. PF20-1-000
Monthly Status Report – February 7, 2020, through April 6, 2020**

Agency Consultation

General Consultation

- No updates this reporting period.

Wetland and Waterbody Consultation/Surveys

- No work occurred during this reporting period due to frozen ground conditions. Additional field surveys will resume this spring as additional survey permissions are obtained.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Consultation/Surveys

- No work occurred during this reporting period due to frozen ground conditions. Additional field surveys will resume this spring as additional survey permissions are obtained.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Consultation/Surveys

- No work occurred during this reporting period due to frozen ground conditions. Additional field surveys will resume this spring as additional survey permissions are obtained.

Tribal Consultations

- No tribal correspondence was sent or received during this reporting period.

Right of Way

- Northern continues to work with landowners to secure survey permission (98% acquired) and has been notifying landowners within the project area that civil and environmental surveys will be conducted on their property. Northern also has been working with landowners to obtain permission to conduct soil bores.

Planning and Engineering

- Northern's engineering and design team have evaluated route and facility alternatives for the Project and making adjustments to the routes based on the results of the civil survey data and stakeholder comments received to date. An evaluation of crossing methodologies for environmental features also is being conducted. Twenty-eight geotechnical borings have been completed; the geotechnical boring program is complete with the exception of the Hinckley compressor station. Engineering is incorporating geotechnical borings and civil survey into the workspace and HDD designs. Northern has completed multiple internal stakeholders meetings to review the routing and the siting of above-grade facilities.

Upcoming for Next Reporting Period:

- Biological and cultural field surveys will be initiated for the remaining components: Paynesville branch line loop; Carlton branch line interconnect; Pierz compressor station interconnect; and the Hinckley compressor station.
- Adjustments to the routes will continue to be made based on landowner input and biological and cultural field survey data.
- Northern will continue agency consultations, as needed.
- Northern will file draft resource reports 1 through 13.