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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Northern Natural Gas Company
Northern Lights 2021 Expansion
Docket No. PF20-1-000
Responses to Stakeholder Comments

Dear Ms. Bose:

Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) hereby submits for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in the above-referenced docket Northern's responses to comments made to date by affected landowners and other stakeholders regarding the proposed project. Comments were received from landowners and stakeholders through (1) Northern's dedicated email for the project; (2) Northern's existing Operations Communication Center (OCC), which has been designated as its single point of contact for the project; (3) direct telephone calls to Northern employees; and (4) the open houses held by Northern February 17 and 18, 2020.

Since the attached table provides landowner names, Northern has labeled the table **CUI//PRIV – Do Not Release** and requests that the table be accorded privileged and confidential treatment pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 388.112. The person to be contacted regarding this request for privileged treatment is:

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A public version of the table, minus the landowner names also is attached. Any questions regarding the filing should be directed to the undersigned at (402) 398-7103.

Respectfully submitted,

/signed/ Michael T. Loeffler

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| 2/28/2020 | OCC call | Paynesville branch line | The landowner called to inquire about the Paynesville, Minnesota, branch line as well as several other areas that will be affected by the Project. | Northern right of way talked with the landowner who was wondering if the Project is crossing his property. Northern responded to the landowner that, at this time, it has no plans to cross his property for the project. The landowner had no further questions. This project component has since been deleted from the project scope. |
| 2/17/2020 | Open House | Paynesville branch line | Individual interested in the project, land trusts and conservation easements, and Northern's landowner compensation process. He owns land in conservation trust and RIM at headwaters at Cold Springs approximately one half mile north of the route. | He is not affected by the project. Northern showed him a map of its system and explained how Northern works and its processes. Also explained how Northern works to protect the environment and explained land trusts and easements. This project component has since been deleted from the project scope. |
| 2/17/2020 | Open House | Paynesville branch line | The individual had questions on how Northern would compensate the tenant on a directly-impacted tract. The landowner had no concerns regarding routing at this time and understands the need for the Project. | Northern explained the crop damage payment process to the landowner. This project component has since been deleted from the project scope. |
| 2/17/2020 | Open House | Paynesville branch line | The landowner had general questions about how long construction would last and whether he had anything to be concerned about with construction on his land for his dogs. | Northern informed the landowner that construction would occur during the summer of 2021 and that the current construction plan will not have any impact on his land. This project component has since been deleted from the project scope. |

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| 2/17/2020 | Open House | Paynesville branch line | The landowner had general questions about pipeline construction (drilling, size, and pressure). He was also wondering about land owned by a partnership, as he knows they rent the land sometimes. He asked about how compensation for land works. | Northern provided a basic explanation about pipeline construction and was referred to the right of way group for questions regarding compensation. Right of way explained the compensation process to the landowner. This project component has since been deleted from the project scope. |
| 2/17/2020 | Open House | Paynesville branch line | The landowner had general questions about how long construction would last and was wondering whether we could pass the information of his hotel on to the construction crews as a possible place to stay. | Northern informed the landowner that the duration of construction activities would be determined closer to construction and ensured that he had the project email if he had any other questions or comments. This project component has since been deleted from the project scope. |
| 2/17/2020 | Open House | Paynesville branch line | The landowners informed Northern that they have native grasses and get compensated. The landowners informed Northern that there was a high voltage line that runs north and south. | Northern informed the landowners that their property will only require soil boring and the workspace will be moved west to avoid the native grasses. This project component has since been deleted from the project scope. |
| 2/17/2020 | Open House | Paynesville branch line | The landowner has hay land; he asked about putting the land back to original condition and the depth of cover | Northern explained restoration process and told him there would be four feet of cover over the pipeline. This project component has since been deleted from the project scope. |
| 2/18/2020 | Open House | Willmar D branch line extension | The individual requested information about the project to see if she was impacted. | Her property was part of the environmental clearance boundary only. The project scope no longer includes this property. |

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| 2/18/2020 | Open House | Willmar D branch line extension | The landowner had questions about the township compensation. The landowner was an abutting landowner. | Northern informed the landowner that they would receive no compensation because their property abutted the project site and they would therefore not be directly affected. |
| 2/18/2020 | Open House | Willmar D branch line extension | The landowner came in to clarify whether his land would be affected by the new pipeline. | Northern explained that the current scope of the project will not have an impact on his land. He expressed no further concerns. The project scope no longer includes this property. |
| 2/18/2020 | Open House | Willmar D branch line extension | The landowner expressed concern that we are not sticking to our current easement and inquired why. He says he has plans to develop his land in the future and will now not be able to due to the extended easement. | Northern explained the current plan to drill underneath his land and why that would result in Northern being outside of the current easement. He was then directed to the right of way group for his easement concerns. Northern will install the new pipeline as close to the existing easement as possible. |
| 2/18/2020 | Open House | Willmar D branch line extension | The landowners have an access road on their property and informed Northern about a stream that will need to be crossed, the driveway would need to be widened and improved, and that they have a dog buried near the proposed road. | Northern informed the landowner that the location of the dog would be surveyed and avoided. Necessary measures will be taken to improve the road and cross the stream. |
| 2/18/2020 | Open House | Willmar D branch line extension | The landowner did not want her tall evergreen trees impacted. Soil bore access was an issue and wanted to know if the neighbor to the south could be used for access. She asked how wide the workspace was for the pipeline and also asked who is getting the extra capacity. She had questions about construction duration. | Northern will be drilling under the evergreen trees. Northern received a signed agreement to use the soil bore access and will need to modify the access for construction. Northern informed the landowner the workspace will be 100 feet wide for construction. Northern stated construction duration depends on a lot of factors and the final design. The landowner is now an |

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| | | | | abutter and will not be directly impacted by the project scope. |
| 02/17/2020 | Open House | Paynesville branch line | The landowner notified Northern that he has recently built a house on ST-508. | The landowner currently is only impacted by the environmental survey boundary. This project component has been deleted from the project scope. |
| 02/17/2020 | Open House | Paynesville branch line | The landowners informed Northern about concerns with potential future development on ST-013. They would like the pipeline as close to the road as possible. | Northern will look into moving the new pipeline as close to the road as possible to reduce the impact to the property. Northern also adjusted the route and it will no longer impact ST-016. This project component has been deleted from the project scope. |
| 02/17/2020 | Open House | Paynesville branch line | The landowner asked about cleaning out a ditch that crosses the pipeline and wondered what the depth of the pipeline is. | Northern introduced the landowner to field operations personnel and informed him to call 811 to utilize the One Call system which will have Northern employees mark the depth of pipeline. This project component has been deleted from the project scope. |
| 2/17/2020 | Open House | Paynesville branch line | No input. Was curious about the work that would take place on/near his property. Claimed to own both ST-020 & ST-021. Landowner document sheet said the landowner did not own ST-021 NOTE: The documents provided at the open houses showed that the landowner would not be affected by any of the work taking place for the Paynesville pipeline. Note – according to Northern documents he is not the owner of ST-021. | Northern informed the landowner that he was not an affected landowner. Work space will be near his property at (ST-020). This project component has been deleted from the project scope. |

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| 2/18/2020 | Open House | Willmar D branch line extension | Work will not take place directly on the landowner's land but there will be workspace in the adjacent lot. The landowner would like to be notified prior to construction as to when people will be working in the lot adjacent to theirs. | Northern informed the landowners about the timeline of project. Northern attempted to refer them to right of way for questions pertaining to notices of construction, but the landowners decided to leave the open house. The project scope no longer includes this property. |
| 2/18/2020 | Open House | Willmar D branch line | Curious about upcoming construction. Not an affected landowner. | Showed the landowners the proposed pipeline route and proposed construction plan. They are not impacted by the project. |
| 2/18/2020 | Open House | Willmar D branch line extension | Asked questions as to the needs and purpose of the Northern Lights projects. Also inquired about future expansion plans. Lastly, asked about pipeline easements. | The landowner's property was located within the environmental survey boundary of the Willmar D-Line extension as initially designed. The project scope no longer includes this property. |
| 2/05/2020 | Phone call to ROW | Willmar D-line extension | Landowner was not going to be able to make it to the open house 02/18/2020; therefore, he wanted to know if Northern would be in his back yard area. | Northern advised that it planned to bore his property at this time. The landowner was satisfied with this response and no further actions are currently needed. The project scope no longer includes this property. |
| 1/09/2020 | OCC call | Paynesville branch line | The landowner's son reported his elderly mother had someone stop by the property at 1031 3rd Street in Cold Spring, Minnesota, concerning the project. She did not get the name of the person. The son had previously requested all inquiries be made through him. Please call the son to confirm the reason for today's visit. | Phone messages have been left for the landowner's son, but Northern has received no response to the messages. This project component has since been deleted from the project scope. |

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| 1/07/2020 | Project email | Paynesville branch line | The U.S. Department of Agriculture – Farm Service Agency (FSA) requested a map of project components in Stearns County as a result of a letter Northern sent to a landowner. The landowner was asking the FSA questions regarding the project. | A mapbook was emailed to the FSA. This project component has been deleted from the project scope. |
| 12/26/2019 | Project email | Within one mile of the proposed Hinckley compressor station | The landowner wants to know if the proposed project will impact her land on Morris Avenue in Hinckley, MN. | Northern told the landowner she is located within one mile of the proposed compressor station site. She would like to attend the open houses when they come out. Northern advised her that it will make public notice as well as mail her information once we have a time and place. No additional questions at this time. |
| 12/23/2019 | OCC call | Within one mile of the proposed Hinckley compressor station | The landowner wants to know if this project is going through her property in Sandstone, Minnesota. | The landowner is calling on behalf of his mother; he wanted to know if the compressor station was going to be on their property. Northern advised that the compressor station would not be on their property and explained they are within one mile of our alternative site. They will not have any direct impacts. No further questions at this time. He will communicate information to his mother. |

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| 12/23/2019 | OCC call | Within one mile of the proposed Hinckley compressor station | Landowner has questions regarding the project. | The landowner called on behalf of his mother. He wanted to know if the compressor station was going to be on their property. The landowner was advised that the compressor station would not be on their property, but that their property is within one mile of Northern's alternative site. They will not have any direct impacts. No further questions at this time. |
| 12/18/2019 | OCC call | Farmington to North Branch branch line | The landowner wants to know if this project is going through his property in Hugo, Minnesota. | Northern talked with the landowner and verified that workspace and construction activities are planned for his property. Design is ongoing and future communication will provide more details as to the activities specific to his property. Landowner is satisfied with response no further questions at this time. This project component has been deleted from the project scope. |
| 12/16/2019 | OCC call | Pierz compressor station | The landowner called to inquire about the project. The landowner stated that the project will run across the road from his property and he was wondering if he could tie into the pipeline. | The landowner was advised that Northern cannot provide gas to his property via the pipeline. He was encouraged to contact a local distribution company for such service. |

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| 12/18/2019 | Direct Call | Willmar D branch line extension | The landowner has concerns about the pipeline alignment. | The landowner is planning to develop the lots that the pipeline will cross outside of the easement. Northern advised the landowner that we have already looked at this and at the current time we have removed the route deviation that crosses this area. However, the design is not finalized and Northern will keep his comments in mind as Northern continues to finalize the project and its impacts. The landowner has no further questions at this time. |
| 2/18/2020 | Open House | Willmar D branch line extension | Denied survey permission | This parcel is in the environmental clearance boundary only. At this time the parcel will not be impacted by the project. |
| 2/18/2020 | Open House | Willmar D branch line extension | Driveway and portion of property is being used for temporary access. Some trees will need to be removed. | Northern agreed to compensate for tree damages during the acquisition phase of the project. Northern also agreed to keep the driveway accessible during construction. |
| 2/17/2020 | Open House | Paynesville branch line | The pipeline cuts across the property and has a sharp PI in the middle of the property. The landowner is okay with brushing along the fence line on ST-008. Landowner notified Northern that there is a designated trout stream on ST-008. | Northern engineering will review the request to straighten the pipeline to avoid the PI in the middle of the property. Northern environmental has been made aware of the designated trout stream. This project component has been deleted from the project scope. |
| 2/17/2020 | Open House | Paynesville branch line | The landowner would like Northern to consider moving the pipeline closer to the southern | The pipeline cannot move much further south since there are baseball fields and a school on the adjacent property. Northern agreed to leave an approximately 50-foot-wide access area along the |

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| | | | property line. The landowner will need access across ST-003 to be able to farm ST-004. | north side of the staging area on ST-003 to allow farming access to ST-004. This project component has been deleted from the project scope. |