

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Northern Lights 2021 Expansion Project**  
**Docket No. PF20-1-000**  
**July 8, 2020**

**Attendees**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC):** Doug Cotton

**Northern Natural Gas:** Michael Loeffler, Erin Lake, Donna Martens, Steven Martinez, and Terry Plucker

**United State Army Corp Engineer (USACE) St Paul District:** Kristoffer Laman

**Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR):** Cynthia Warzecha and Margi Coyle

**Stantec:** Susan Knabe and Jake Fahrenkrog

**Summary**

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission staff and representatives of the federal and state agencies listed above met with representatives from Northern Natural Gas via the regularly scheduled teleconference Wednesday, July 8, 2020, to discuss the Northern Lights 2021 Expansion Project (Project).

- Northern introduced the Project team and delivered a brief Project overview and the FERC permitting process.
- Northern provided an update of the Project status
  - Environmental and cultural surveys have been completed for 100% of parcels within the Project area.
    - Northern is currently completing presence/absence surveys on the Willmar D branch line extension for the rusty patched bumble bee.
  - The first round of draft resource reports was filed with FERC on April 27; revised Resource Reports 1 and 8 were filed with FERC May 18, 2020. The revised reports were based upon a reduced scope.
    - Northern received comments from FERC of the draft resource reports on June 1, 2020 and Northern is in the process of incorporating the comments into the second round of resource reports to be filed with the Section 7 application.
  - Northern is in the process of reviewing comments made by the MDNR in June and July 2020 and will schedule a meeting with MDNR to discuss their comments.
  - Northern provided a brief summary of the Project schedule.
- Doug Cotton, FERC, provided an update on the status of the FERC review process. The FERC will issue a notice of intent and initiate the 30-day comment period.
- Northern and FERC discussed the notice of intent process and relative time lines for the preparation of the draft applicant prepared environmental assessment.
- The USACE and MDNR voiced their support for the FERC process and willingness to participate in the FERC review process.
- Per a USACE request, Stantec will submit an updated table of proposed wetland impacts to the USACE.
- Stantec confirmed FERC did not have any comments on the draft applicant prepared environmental assessment. Doug Cotton indicated they had received no comments to date.
- The next and last bi-weekly conference call is scheduled for July 22, 2020, at 10 a.m. CST.

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