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In Reply Refer To:
OEP/DG2E/Gas 4
Northern Natural Gas Company
Northern Lights 2021 Expansion Project
Docket No. CP20-503-000

June 22, 2021

VIA FERC Service

Michael T. Loeffler
Senior Director, Certificates and External Affairs
Northern Natural Gas Company
P.O. Box 3330
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Re: Notice to Proceed with Construction

Dear Mr. Loeffler:

I grant your May 21, 2021 request for Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) to commence construction activities associated with the Northern Lights 2021 Expansion Project. In considering this notice to proceed, we have reviewed your Implementation Plan and horizontal directional drill noise mitigation plan (herein approved), and the best management practices described in your application and subsequent filings.

Based on our review, Northern has provided the information necessary to meet the applicable pre-construction conditions of the Commission's May 20, 2021 *Order Issuing Certificate and Approving Abandonment* (Order) issued to Northern in Docket CP20-503-000. In considering this request, I have determined that you have provided the information pertinent to the requested activities, consistent with environmental condition numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8 of the Order.

Also, under condition 5 of the Order, I approve your requested project modifications identified on the re-issued alignment sheets dated January 29, 2021. Per Condition 9 of the Order, I have also confirmed Northern's receipt of all federal authorizations relevant to the approved activities herein.

I remind you that Northern must comply with all applicable remaining terms and conditions of the Order. If you have any questions, please call Doug Cotton, Environmental Project Manager, at (202) 502-6590.

Sincerely,

David Swearingen
Chief, Gas Branch 4
Division of Gas – Environment
and Engineering