

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Northern Natural Gas Company

**Docket Nos. RP19-1353-000
RP19-59-000
(consolidated)**

**REPLY COMMENTS OF NORTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY
IN SUPPORT OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**To: The Honorable Steven L. Sterner
Presiding Administrative Law Judge**

Pursuant to Rule 602 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC” or “Commission”), 18 C.F.R. § 385.602 (2019), Northern Natural Gas Company (“Northern”) hereby files its reply comments in support of the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (“Settlement”) filed by Northern on June 19, 2020, in the above-referenced proceeding.

Pursuant to Rule 602(f)(2), comments on the Settlement were due July 9, 2020. No comments were filed in opposition to the Settlement. Three comments were filed that either supported or did not oppose the Settlement. Commission Trial Staff filed comments that “urge[d] the Presiding Judge to certify the Settlement to the Commission and the Commission to expeditiously approve the Settlement without modification or condition as fair and reasonable and in the public interest.” Trial Staff Comments at 9. CenterPoint

Energy Resources Corporation also requested that the “Commission approve [the Settlement] without modification or condition.” CenterPoint Comments at 2. Ethanol Products, LLC (“POET”) stated it “does not oppose the Settlement.” POET Comments at 1.

In accordance with Rule 602(f)(3) and (g)(1), the Settlement is therefore uncontested. Northern respectfully requests that the Presiding Judge certify the Settlement to the Commission as uncontested, and that the Commission approve the Settlement, without modification or condition, as fair and reasonable and in the public interest. Northern respectfully requests certification and approval as soon as reasonably possible (with Commission approval ideally by September 30, 2020), to permit implementation of the Settlement before the end of the year and the prompt payment of refunds to customers.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing document on each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary for this proceeding.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this 13th day of July 2020.

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