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Via eFiling

Ms. Debbie-Anne Reese, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Letter Order Pursuant to § 375.307
Northern Natural Gas Company
Docket No. CP24-83-000

Dear Ms. Reese:

Northern Natural Gas (Northern) hereby submits for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in the above-referenced docket Northern's response to the Protest filed by Dakota Rural Action on May 10, 2024.¹ Dakota Rural Action has agreed to withdraw its Protest to the West Leg 2024 Expansion Project based upon this filing. The capacity created by the West Leg 2024 Expansion Project will be used to serve residential, commercial and industrial markets. None of the project participants will be using the capacity to produce or transport factory-farm gas.

Agropur is a dairy producer and whey protein manufacturer producing approximately one billion pounds of cheese per year. The capacity contracted by Agropur in the West Leg 2024 Expansion Project will be used for pipeline gas to serve manufacturing production purposes at its plant located near Lake Norden, South Dakota. Agropur does not have plans to produce, acquire, ship and/or sell factory-farm gas. During the recent expansion at Lake Norden, Agropur incorporated an anaerobic digester and biogas technology into the wastewater treatment plant. The feedstock for the digester was wastewater, not dairy manure. The intent of the wastewater project was to generate electricity that would be used at the plant to offset natural gas deliveries to the plant. However, the wastewater is not sufficient to support the digester operations.

¹ Dakota Rural Action's Protest to Proposed Blanket Certificate Activity and Motion to Intervene, Docket No. CP24-83-000 (filed May 10, 2024) ("Protest").

Any questions regarding the filing should be directed to the undersigned at (402) 398-7138.

Respectfully submitted,

/signed/ Donna Martens

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cc: Parties of Record