

Northern Lights 2019/Rochester Expansion

On July 27, 2018, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Docket No. CP18-534-000 (NL2019/Rochester) requesting authorization to (1) construct and operate compression, pipeline, and town border station (TBS) facilities; and (2) increase the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of an existing branch line and to relocate a MAOP regulator. All project components are located within 10 Minnesota counties. The NL2019/Rochester facilities described in the application will enable Northern to provide 138,504 dekatherms per day of incremental peak-day capacity to meet the growing residential, commercial and industrial energy needs of Northern's customers. The facilities will be constructed in 2019 in order to meet contractual obligations effective November 1, 2019.

As part of the project, Northern plans to install and operate (1) an approximately 12.2-mile 16-inch-diameter greenfield branch line in Olmsted County, Minnesota; (2) an approximately 10.0-mile 24-inch-diameter greenfield branch line in Hennepin and Wright counties, Minnesota; (3) an approximately 4.3-mile 8-inch-diameter extension of an existing branch line in Morrison County, Minnesota; (4) an approximately 1.6-mile 6-inch-diameter loop of an existing branch line in Le Sueur County, Minnesota; (5) an approximately 3.1-mile 24-inch-diameter extension of an existing branch line in Carver County, Minnesota; (6) an additional 15,900-horsepower unit at each of Northern's existing compressor stations in Steele and Rice counties, Minnesota; (7) a greenfield 11,153-horsepower compressor station in Carver County, Minnesota; and (8) a new TBS in Olmsted County, Minnesota. Northern also plans to uprate the MAOP on an eight-mile segment of an existing branch line and relocate an existing MAOP regulator in Freeborn and Mower counties, Minnesota. A general location map showing the location of the additional 15,900-horsepower compressor unit to be installed at the compressor station in Rice County is included with this notice. Northern will be obtaining land to accommodate installation of the additional horsepower. Northern has contacted, and will continue to contact, landowners regarding temporary easement rights. Northern plans to commence construction of the facilities in spring 2019.

Northern owns and operates an interstate natural gas pipeline system and is regulated by FERC. Northern must obtain FERC approval to construct and operate the proposed facilities. Northern has requested that FERC issue an order approving the proposed project by January 17, 2019, in order for construction to be completed and the facilities to be ready for an in-service date of November 1, 2019.

A separate notice regarding Northern's application will be mailed to affected landowners and other stakeholders involved with the project. You may contact Northern regarding questions for the proposed project by calling a toll-free number (888-367-6671) or by email at nl2019@nngco.com.

A copy of Northern's application is available for review at the (1) Stewartville Public Library in Stewartville, MN; (2) Owatonna Public Library in Owatonna, MN; (3) Great River Regional Libraries in Little Falls, Rockford, and Buffalo, MN; (4) Carver County Library in Chaska, MN; (5) New Prague Library in New Prague, MN; (5) Buckham Memorial Library in Faribault, MN; and (6) Austin Public Library in Austin, MN. The application also may be obtained through the FERC's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits (CP18-534-000) in the docket number field to access the document. User assistance is available at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 866-208-3676 (TTY, call 202-502-8659). A pamphlet, *An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need To Know?*, which provides information for landowners is available on the FERC's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides.asp>.

Any interested party may participate in the proceeding by making a filing with the FERC's Secretary, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Additional information regarding FERC's regulations, policies or procedures is available on FERC's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> or from FERC's Office of External Affairs at 866-208-3372.

