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Via eFiling

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Docket No. PF15-32-000
Cedar Station Upgrade Project
Monthly Status Report (November 2015)

Dear Ms. Bose:

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 157.21(f)(6) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) hereby submits for filing in the above-referenced docket its monthly status report for the proposed Cedar Station Upgrade project. On October 9, 2015, the Commission approved Northern's request to use the pre-filing environmental review procedures set forth at 18 C.F.R. Section 157.21.

Northern is filing its report electronically and, in accordance with the Commission's filing guidelines, is providing two copies of the report to OEP (Office of Energy Projects) Room 62-46. One of the maps attached to the report contains specific information on an archaeological site and has been labeled "**PRIVILEGED INFORMATION --- DO NOT RELEASE.**" Pursuant to 18 CFR Section 388.112, Northern requests confidential and privileged treatment of the map due to the confidential nature of the contents.

The person to be contacted regarding the request for privileged and confidential treatment is as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

/signed/ Michael T. Loeffler

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Senior Director, Certificates and External Affairs

**Northern Natural Gas Company
Cedar Station Upgrade Project
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Agency Consultation

General Consultation

- On October 5, 2015, letters were mailed to the appropriate regulatory and resource agencies informing them of Northern's Cedar Station Upgrade Project (Project), requesting their participation in the FERC's pre-filing process, and requesting the agencies to comment and consult on the Project.

Wetland and Waterbody Consultation/Surveys

- On September 14 – 18, 2015, and September 21, 2015, Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. (Burns & McDonnell) conducted a wetland delineation of the parcels where survey permission was granted. A desktop review of available background information was conducted prior to the site visit. A report was prepared documenting the results of the data review and wetland delineation. A copy of the report will be sent to Dakota County Parks (Dakota County) per request, as well as to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE).
- The St. Paul District of the USACE responded in a letter dated October 20, 2015, stating that the agency will participate and appreciates the opportunity to comment and consult on the Project. The USACE went on further to state that due to the limited amount of information received to date they were unable to determine if a Department of the Army Permit would be required for this Project. The USACE identified a project number for the proposed project (MVP-2015-03789-RMM) and provided notification the Project Manager for the Project would be Mr. Ryan Malterud.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Consultation/Surveys

- During the week of September 14, 2015, Burns & McDonnell conducted a habitat assessment of the parcels where survey permission was granted. A report was prepared and will be sent to Dakota County per request; a copy also will be sent to the USFWS requesting a review for sensitive species impacts.
- On November 17, 2015, Andrew Horton with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Twin Cities Ecological Services Field Office, notified Northern that it was declining the offer to participate in the pre-filing process due to limited staff resources.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Consultation/Surveys

- A background literature review and records search for the Project was conducted by Burns & McDonnell at the Minnesota SHPO's office September 15, 2015. A Phase I cultural resource survey was conducted the week of September 15 – 18, 2015 and October 5 – 7, 2015, on the parcels where survey permission was granted. A report documenting the survey results was prepared and will be sent to Dakota County, per request, as well as to the SHPO and the tribes that have requested a copy.

- The Minnesota Historical Society sent a response letter dated November 4, 2015, stating that the agency will participate and appreciates the opportunity to comment and consult on the Project.

Tribal Consultations/Surveys

- On October 5, 2015, letters were mailed to 27 Tribal representatives informing them of Northern's request for the tribes to comment and consult on the Project. The Prairie Island Indian Community, Rosebud Tribe and the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate tribe sent a response letter dated October 12, 2015, stating that the tribes appreciate the opportunity to comment and consult on the Project.
- On October 28, 2015, Northern representatives met in Prior Lake, Minnesota, with Dianne Desrosiers, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate THPO (tribal historic preservation officer); Jim Whitted, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Section 106 Coordinator; and Ben Rhodd, Rosebud Tribal Archaeologist. Northern provided a description of the Project, processes and status to date. Mr. Rhodd indicated tribal monitors would likely be requested during construction and that the monitors should have stop-work authority; Northern stated this would not be a problem. Mr. Rhodd also expressed concerns that, while use of a horizontal directional drill (HDD) would avoid impacts to surface features during construction of the project facilities, these features would be at risk should future maintenance or repair require excavation. Northern explained that the depth of pipe in areas where an HDD was utilized was typically too deep to allow repairs from the surface and pipe replacement using an HDD would likely be used. The tribes requested a copy of the cultural resources study report once completed. Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) surveys were discussed as well as Northern providing support for any additional tribal field surveys. Attendees participated in a tour of the project alignment.
- Mr. Ben Rhodd, Rosebud Tribal Archaeologist and a team of surveyors completed a TCP survey in the project area the week of November 16, 2015, and identified three potential sites. Wednesday, December 16, 2015, has been identified as a date for a follow-up meeting to review the results of the TCP survey and discuss ongoing tribal consultation as the project progresses toward filing with FERC staff. The meeting will be held at the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate THPO's office located in Sisseton, South Dakota. Northern will provide an update about project developments since the initial consultation meeting held October 28, 2015, and will discuss preventative measures for avoidance and protection of the resources that were identified during the TCP survey.
- On November 5, 2015, Sara Childers, THPO, Upper Sioux Community of Minnesota, expressed interest in the project and attending future meetings. Northern is processing a fee for the Upper Sioux Community to review project documents and scheduling a conference call with Sara Childers to discuss work completed to date.

Stakeholder Outreach

- On October 26, 2015, Northern conducted a public open house in Rosemount, Minnesota. According to Northern's notes, approximately 43 individuals attended

the open house. Letter invitations were mailed to project stakeholders and public notices were published in the *Sun Thisweek – Burnsville/Eagan* and the *Dakota County Tribune* in early October. Comments received during the open house included concerns of how construction activities and ongoing operation of the pipeline would affect property, removal of trees, residential access during construction, impact to Lebanon Hills Regional Park, a children's camp and the Thomas Lake Countryhomes residential area. Potential re-routes were discussed and the attendees received aerials showing the location of Project facilities in relation to their property. Comments received at the open house and Northern's responses are attached.

- Northern has responded to questions and comments from stakeholders through its Operations Communication Center (OCC), the email address established for the Project and phone calls/emails to Northern's right of way (ROW) representatives. All questions/comments have been addressed; a table detailing the questions and responses are attached.
- On November 19, 2015, Bryan Kruger with Northern's ROW department met with Senator Greg Clausen, the Minnesota State Senator from District 57. The senator was unable to attend the open house, but wanted to meet with a Northern representative to learn more about the project and its impact to the communities in his district. Mr. Kruger explained the project and the route alternatives Northern was reviewing in response to landowner comments. Senator Clausen was pleased that Northern was listening to the landowners.
- On November 23, 2015, Northern representatives met with the Dakota County Parks and the Metropolitan Council to discuss the impact of the Project on the Lebanon Hills Regional Park. An onsite visit is planned for mid-December so that Dakota County can review the proposed route and construction plans. The Met Council representative indicated Northern would likely need approval from the Met Council for any pipeline to be located outside of the existing easement. It was suggested that Northern attend the Dakota County board meetings in January and February 2016 to discuss its plans and answer any questions.

Planning and Engineering

- In response to comments from open house attendees, Northern has revised two segments of the proposed pipeline route moving to a more direct line on the east side of Lebanon Hills Regional Park and to a route around the Thomas Lake Countryhomes neighborhood. Two aerial photographs depicting the revised routes are attached. Northern continues to review other alternative routes. Civil surveys commenced November 9, 2015, and are ongoing. Quad maps and alignment sheets are being developed.

Upcoming for December 2015:

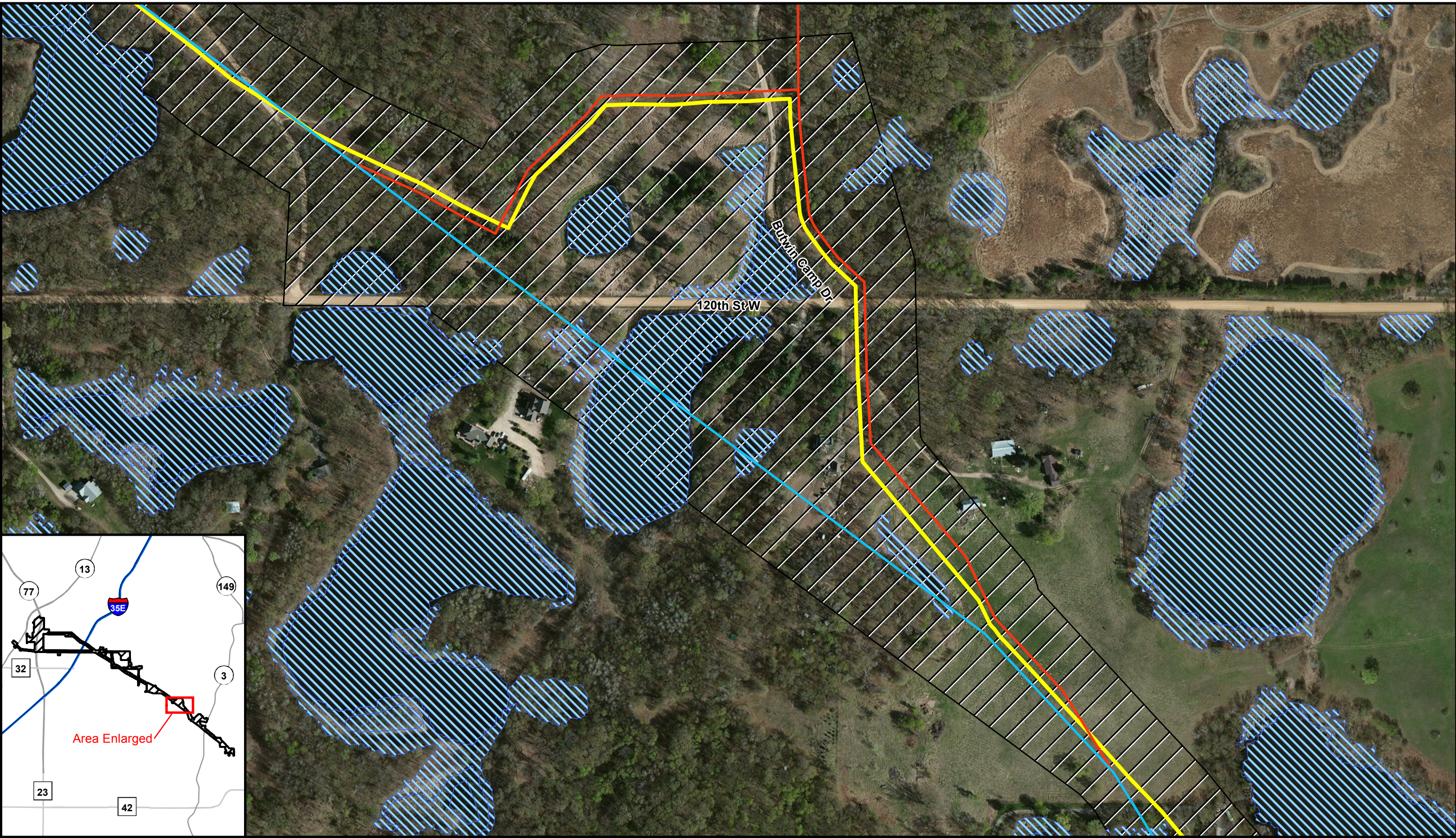
- Northern will file draft Resource Reports 1 and 10.
- Northern will continue to respond to stakeholder contacts.
- Northern will continue agency consultations, as needed.
- Northern is scheduled to attend a follow-up meeting with the tribes December 16.

**Aerial Photographs
Pipeline Re-routes**

Figure 10.3-2

Figure 10.3-4

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-  Proposed Route
-  Alternative Option
-  Environmental Clearance Boundary
-  NWI Wetland
-  Existing 16-inch A-Line



Figure 10.3-2
Alternatives Comparison
Lebanon Hills Alternative
Cedar Station Upgrade Project
Northern Natural Gas
Dakota County, Minnesota

Northern Natural Gas
 Cedar Station Upgrade (PF15-32-000)
 Stakeholder Comments

Date of Inquiry	Method of Inquiry	Stakeholder Name/Type	Inquiry/Concern	Northern Response
10/12/15	OCC call #159141	Debbie Jacobson (landowner)	Received letter pertaining to project and wants to know how the project will affect her property.	Loeffler returned call and explained her land was in the environmentally cleared area and may be used for workspace; a representative with Northern's right of way department would contact her if her land would be used. She understands the role of Xcel. She can not attend the open house. She seemed okay with explanation.
10/13/15	OCC call #159164	John Cordes (landowner)	Received letter pertaining to project and wants to know how project affects his property in Rosemount, MN.	Kruger returned call and explained he is currently within the project environmental clearance boundary and it does not appear he will be impacted. The project is being developed and workspaces are being identified. We will be in contact with him if we need to use his property for workspace. Mr. Cordes is planning to sell his property in the next few years; he will be out of town and unable to attend the open house. He thanked Kruger for the call.
10/13/15	OCC call #159178	Mark Darling (landowner)	Received a letter pertaining to project and wants to know how the project affects his property in Eagan, MN.	Kruger returned call and explained Mr. Darling's parcel is located along the optional route near Diffley Road and Beaver Dam Road. Explained to Mr. Darling that he was included in the invitation as he is along the optional route, but at this time we are looking at installing the new pipeline along the power line corridor south of his property. Mr. Darling had no other questions and thanked Kruger for the call.
10/14/15	OCC call #159199	Rick Klum (landowner)	Received a letter pertaining to the project and wants to know how this will affect his property. (Mr. Klum is representing property owned by the Community Action Council d/b/a 360 Communities. This parcel is along the optional route.)	Kruger explained that Mr. Klum received an invitation to the open house because his parcel is along an optional route; currently the proposed route is closer to Cedar Avenue on the property adjacent and to the west of his parcel. Mr. Klum asked if the easement could extend on to his parcel. Kruger explained that the easement width has not yet been determined, but the idea is to have the new easement about the Cedar Avenue right of way and extend to the east and should not impact his parcel. Mr. Klum asked if Northern has the power of eminent domain. Kruger explained that Northern is federally regulated and does have the right to use eminent domain, but Northern makes every effort to negotiate new easement rights and would only use eminent domain as an absolute last resort. Mr. Klum thanked Kruger for the call and said he plans to attend the open house.
10/14/15	Call to ProSource Technology, Northern ROW consulting group	David Nygaard (landowner)	Mr. Nygaard recently purchased property on the NW corner of Dodd Blvd and McAndrews and wanted more information about the existing easement, the project and the impact the project would have on his property. He is concerned about future plans he has to develop the property (a pool). Mr. Nygaard initially indicated he was not interested in attending the open house.	Ahlsten with ProSource explained the preliminary nature of the project and the existing 100-foot-wide easement over the southwest portion of the property and the new line could be constructed under existing easement rights as part of the project. Ahlsten also explained temporary easement may be sought for construction and that he would be compensated. Ahlsten encouraged Mr. Nygaard to attend the open house so he could speak to representatives in more detail and, if he could not attend, an agent from Northern would be in contact with him to discuss the project.

10/19/15	OCC call #159358	Seth Ozer, facilities director at Camp Butwin. Camp is operated by St. Paul Jewish Community Center	Requested information regarding project activities that will take place at/near Camp Butwin and how the project will affect the camp.	Kruger spoke with Mr. Oser and explained that Northern has a ninety-foot-wide easement, 45 feet each side of the pipeline in the southwest corner of Camp Butwin property. Kruger also explained that the new pipeline would be installed within the existing easement. Mr. Oser asked if Northern would need workspace outside of the easement. Kruger explained that Northern more than likely would need additional workspace temporarily outside of the easement during construction. Mr. Oser stated this proposal would need to go before the board of directors. Kruger told Mr. Oser an agent would be in touch with him once the workspace was finalized and would be willing to work with the board of directors. Mr. Oser asked if he needed to attend the open house, and Kruger told him that it was entirely up to him. He thanked Kruger for the call.
10/26/15	OCC call #159538	Judy Bowman (landowner)	Requesting information on the project.	Kruger spoke with Ms. Bowman; he explained that according to the current alignment, the pipeline will not be on this property. Kruger explained to Ms. Bowman that Northern is looking at possible re-routes and if the route changes, and her property is impacted, Northern would be sure to contact her. Ms. Bowman thanked Kruger for the call and has no further concerns at this time.
10 26 15	OCC call #159532	Dave Wyss (landowner)	Requested information on the project that may be going through his backyard.	Loeffler spoke to Mrs. Wyss; information was provided.
10/26/15	Project email	Sarah Orange for Senator Clausen	Senator Clausen is unable to attend open house, but wants to meet with someone to learn more about the project and how it will impact his district.	Kruger met with Senator Greg Clausen, Minnesota state senator District 57, at 1500 hours on Thursday November 19, 2015, to discuss the project. Senator Clausen and Kruger reviewed the proposed alignment maps. Kruger explained that Northern has received comments from residents of the Thomas Lake Countryhomes neighborhood, and due to these comments Northern is considering two potential re-routes, one along Pilot Knob Road and the other along Thomas Lake Road. Senator Clausen was happy to see that Northern was responding to the concerns of the impacted communities. Kruger also explained that Northern is working closely with Dakota County Parks, and that Northern has a meeting scheduled with park officials Monday, November 23. Senator Clausen stated that his office had received a few emails about the project from residents of Rosemount. Kruger asked Senator Clausen to feel free to contact him if he needed help addressing any questions from his constituents. Kruger thanked Senator Clausen for his time. The meeting was fairly short, about 25 minutes long. The Senator seemed happy with the way Northern was progressing with the project, and was pleased to see that Northern was being pro-active in addressing the concerns of the community.
10/26/15	Open House	Don Surges (landowner)	Concerned with potential clearing of large trees and blocking of access to his home.	At the open house Mr. Kruger and Mr. Surges reviewed the proposed workspace maps. Mr. Surges had expressed concern with the potential clearing of large trees and blocking of access to his home. Mr. Kruger noted these concerns and told Mr. Surges that Northern would take them into consideration during the design of the project.

10/26/15	Open House	Bryan & Cheryl Larson (landowner)	Wanted to confirm if the project would impact their plans to construct a home. Confused by the environmental boundary.	ProSource explained their property is within the environmental boundary area and should not be affected by construction of the pipeline except possibly the end of the driveway at Dodd Blvd. which is near a proposed access site. The Larsons received an aerial photograph for the property laying to the south.
10/26/15	Open House	Seth Ozer, Director of Facilities for the Jewish Community Center of St. Paul	Concerned with the impacts to the Butwin Road access to the Center's children camp during the summer and concerned with construction while children were attending camp.	ProSource explained he would have an opportunity to reiterate concerns when an acquisition agent met with the Center in 2016 and that it may be possible to coordinate construction in the area to occur at a time when the camp was not busy with its summer season.
10/26/15	Open House	Jacob and Kirstin Jones (landowner)	Concerned with safety of children and pet should fence around his yard be removed during construction. Also concerned with timing of construction activities and how it would interfere with ability of children to do homework.	The Jones were told temporary fencing could be installed to address his safety concerns.
10/26/15	Open House	Terry Vikla with Dakota County Parks	Questioned whether controlled burns would be allowed over the area where the pipeline was installed.	Dakota County Parks was told controlled burnings have been successfully executed in this area. Burnings will require advanced notification to Northern to facilitate a leak survey prior to the burn.
10/26/15	Open House	Tammy Steven, Rosemary Fischer (landowner)	Concerned with trees being removed in Thomas Lake. Request pipeline re-routed to parallel Thomas Lake Road up to the power corridor.	Northern is looking at options of alternate routes.
10/26/15	Open House	Patricia Ryan (interested party)	Ms. Ryan is a resident at Thomas Lake Countryhomes and discussed the possibility of re-routing the line north along the west side of Thomas Lake Road.	Northern is looking at options of alternate routes. During a subsequent phone conversation November 9, 2015, Kruger explained to Ms. Ryan that based upon comments at the open house, Northern was looking very closely at an alternate route that would cross under Cliffs Road and Pilot Knob Road, then parallel Pilot Knob Road on the west side of the power line corridor. There would be no impact to Thomas Lake Countyhomes should this route be chosen. Ms. Ryan was thrilled to hear this and took the opportunity to tell Kruger that she was very impressed with the attention the staff gave to her concerns at the open house. Kruger told Ms. Ryan he would keep her informed as the project moved forward.
10/26/15	Open House	Troy Gustofson (landowner)	Concerned with impact on trees and driveway and location of pipeline.	A representative with Northern's ROW department will work with Mr. Gustofson.
10/26/15	Open House	Evan Marshall (landowner)	Concerned with impact construction will have on an existing garage, future impacts to property and how it relates to easement. Current records show blanket easement across his property, but he thinks Northern has a strip easement on his property.	Current plans show Mr. Marshall's land will be drilled, so minimal if any impact to his property. Kruger confirmed with Mr. Marshall during a subsequent phone call that there was a 66-foot-wide strip easement on his property.
10/26/15	Open House	Wilderness in the City (NGO - non-governing organization)	Requesting project maps.	Representatives attending the open house were provided available maps.
10/27/15	Email to	Dakota County	Submitted questions/comments: (1) requesting	Responses sent to Dakota County October 30, 2015. A copy of Northern's

	Bryan Kruger	Parks Department RE: Lebanon Hills	two weeks notice prior to construction within park; (2) what is project schedule within park; (3) what is amount of alignment of new pipe in park; (4) will new permanent easement be required; (5) will trees be removed; (6) if removed, what is the procedure; (7) can the County specify seed mixes for prairies and wetlands; (8) use of boring to reduce damage; (9) will trees be removed when boring is used; (10) will a travel lane for foot traffic be required when boring; (11) could the entire park be bored; (12) where will overburden and pipe be staged; (13) how do you ensure safety of park visitors when construction equipment is not in use; (14) are you using Carriage Hills Drive which is a Conservation Partner Legacy Grant restoration site for access; (15) what are safety procedures for open trenches; (16) will trench boxes be used; (17) who do we communicate with; (18) Northern's responsibility for safety signage and County concerns; (19) how long will County maintenance shop road be closed; (20) hours and days construction would take place; (21) will EAW, EIS or EA process be conducted; and (22) mitigation funds.	responses to Dakota County's questions is attached.
10/28/15	Call to ProSource	Mary Teske (landowner)	Concerned with the impact of a proposed optional route on her property and the likelihood of any future pipeline project. Requested to be included in notification with regard to this project or future projects that would impact her.	This area was part of the environmental survey clearing boundary for an optional route that is very unlikely to be constructed. Northern added her to the landowner notification list.
10/28/15	Call to ProSource	Jenni Faulkner, Community Development Director for City of Burnsville	Concerned with the impact of a proposed optional route on the City of Burnsville. Requested to be included on any notifications for the project.	ProSource explained to Ms. Faulkner the area of concern was within an environmental boundary for a pipeline that was highly unlikely to be constructed. She was added to the landowner listing for notification.
10/29/15	Project email	David Beyer (landowner)	Missed the Rosemount open house; requesting larger, more detailed map of the pipeline extension.	Kruger sent an email to Beyer with map showing preliminary design stages. Based upon landowner email provided, project will not impact property.
10/29/15	Project email	Betsy McMenemy (landowner)	Requesting map of the Rosemount properties.	Kruger sent a preliminary map of the proposed pipeline route through the City of Rosemount to Ms. McMenemy.
10/30/15	Call to ProSource	Lisa Murphy of First Service Residential for Homeowners	Ms. Murphy wanted to verify that she is the contact for the Thomas Lake Countryhomes of Eagan	Verification was given that Ms. Murphy is the contact person for the Thomas Lake Countryhomes of Eagan. Kruger also told Ms. Murphy that a re-route option is being explored that would move the new pipeline off of the countyhome property. Kruger agreed to keep Ms. Murphy informed as

		Association for Thomas Lake Countryhomes		the project moves forward. Ms. Murphy asked Kruger to send her an email with an update on the project, including an update on the possible re-route; the email was sent November 10, 2015.
11/04/15	Project email	Mitch Hatcher (landowner)	Requesting project map showing impact to city of Rosemount.	Project map sent November 4, 2015.
11/05/15	Project email	Sara Childers, THPO, Upper Sioux Community of Minnesota	Requested letter and fee to initiate consultation.	Ziamba talked with Ms. Childers and she did confirm their interest in participating in future meeting, etc. Ziamba confirmed Northern's intent to provide the check as requested.
11/13/15	Phone call to Bryan Kruger	Don Surges (landowner)	Mr. Surges lives in the Thomas Lake Countryhomes and is a member of the homeowners association. Don had attended the open house meeting October 26 and had received a map showing workspace and access for his parcel. Mr. Surges expressed concern with access to his home and equipment being staged in front of home during the project. Mr. Surges also expressed concern about removal of large trees in the work areas shown on his map. Mr. Surges is also concerned about South Mallard Trail being closed, and garbage pick-up.	Kruger explained that the intent would be to keep access open to his property and that at this time the closing of South Mallard Trail is not anticipated. Kruger explained that Northern is still in the design phase of the project. Mr. Surges asked when Northern might make a decision on the possible re-route. Kruger explained that surveyors are going to be in the area over the next week, and once Northern receives environmental, cultural and civil survey information, they will analyze and determine if the re-route is feasible. Mr. Surges understood. Kruger gave his email address to Mr. Surges and asked that Mr. Surges feel free to call or email anytime with questions about the project.
11/17/15	Email to Bryan Kruger	Dakota County Parks Department RE: Lebanon Hills	Submitted questions regarding: (1) how park will be valued if additional easements required; (2) how often easement cleared of woody plant material during operations and maintenance; (3) expected lifespan of new and existing pipe;; (4) frequency of pipe repairs on existing and new pipe; (5) requesting shape files of maps, and "clear and grub" areas; (6) tree removal in clear and grub areas; (7) description of labeling on maps (i.e., proposed route, temporary workspace); (8) environmental/ecological assessment of park; (9) alternative alignments outside of the park;; (10) industry standards for setbacks from edge of pipeline easement; (11) public notification/approval process;; (12) what do they do if they disagree with impacts or processes; and (13) controlled burns over/near the pipeline.	Response to questions emailed to Dakota County Parks November 19, 2015. See attached.
11/22/15	Filed with FERC	Don and Nancy Surges (landowner)	Concerned with Impact the pipeline will have on their property.	See responses to October 26, 2015, (open house) and November 13, 2015, (phone call to Kruger) above.
11/30/15	Filed with FERC	Mary Jo Campbell (landowner)	Concerned with impact the pipeline will have on scenic aesthetics, value to homes and access to residents' homes during construction.	Kruger has voice mail in to Ms. Campbell.

		Requesting Northern look at alternate route.	
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Responses to Dakota County Parks

October 30, 2015

November 19, 2015

Martens, Donna

From: Kruger, Bryan
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2015 3:50 PM
To: Vikla, Terry
Cc: Sullivan, Steve; Baumert, Beau; Loeffler, Michael; Ziemba, Steven; Jessen, Joe
Subject: RE: Northern Natural Gas
Attachments: Northern Natural Gas Easement Documents.pdf; Lebanon_Hills_Park_Easement.zip; 10.30.15 Lebanon Hills Questionnaire.pdf

Terry,

Attached please find the existing easement documents for Northern Natural Gas Company's pipeline through Lebanon Hills Park. Also attached are shape files showing the easement.

At this time it sounds like there will be five of us attending the meeting:

- Beau Baumert – Project Manager
- Mike Loeffler – Director of Community Affairs
- Joe Jessen – Director of Right of Way
- Steve Ziemba – Manager of Environmental Compliance
- Bryan Kruger – Northern Natural Gas Right of Way Agent

It looks like November 23rd at 10:30 A.M. will work for our group. I'll confirm and update the Doodle Pole website.

The individual parcel maps handed out at the open house show the proposed extent of the temporary workspace and extra temporary work space, and typically this would be the extent of the grubbing and tree clearing. This project, as you know, is still in the design stages so these may change. We can discuss this more at our meeting.

Also, attached is a memo addressing the questions in written form that we discussed at the open house.

Thank you Terry, and we look forward to working with Dakota County as this project progresses.

Bryan Kruger

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From: Vikla, Terry [mailto:Terry.Vikla@CO.DAKOTA.MN.US]
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 2:47 PM
To: Kruger, Bryan
Cc: Vikla, Terry; Sullivan, Steve
Subject: Northern Natural Gas

Hi Brian,

It was nice meeting you Monday evening! Please confirm receipt of this email ASAP, even if it takes a while to answer the questions later in the week.

For Lebanon Hills Regional Park issues, please consider me as the first contact, for anything outside of the park (such as the 4 County road crossings) please contact Butch McConnell.

Some items I will need before our meeting:

- I will be sending out a **Doodle Pole** for you and your staff and County staff, please send me all the names and email addresses for NNG staff who will be attending. Also, let me know which staff on your list are “mandatory” at the meeting. I may not be able to capture everyone because of County staff and NNG staff schedules
- Can you send us the current easement documents for the pipe within the park? Electronic copies would be best
- Can you send us the shape file map for the easement through the park? Our staff will prepare a map and add the buildings, roads and trails
- I will need a better explanation of the maps I picked up at the open house, including; where are the exact clear and grub limits? Are they the same as the Temporary Workspace and Extra Temp Workspace areas shown on the maps? We need to see where trees and other vegetation will be impacted
- Is there anything you need from Dakota County before the meeting?

Although we discussed many of these questions at the open house, please provide your written responses for County staff before the meeting:

questions:

- Q: staff would like 2 weeks' notice for any trail or park facility impacts
- A:

- Q: when is the project going to start and end in the park?
- A:

- Q: What is the anticipated alignment of the new pipe?
- A:

- Q: Will new permanent easement be necessary?
- A:

- Q: will trees need to be removed?
- A:

- Q: If trees are removed, please explain what happens to the branches, trunks and stumps/roots; what is left on site, what is hauled out?
- A:

- Q: for areas which are seeded, can the County specify their specific seed mixes and rates for prairies and wetlands?
- A:

- Q: can construction damage be reduced by other construction methods, such as boring?
- A:

- Q: where boring is to take place in forested sections, will trees need be removed above the pipeline in order to check for leaks? If so, how wide would the trees be removed?
- A:

- Q: Is it possible to bore through the entire park, even the steep sections, with more effort or expense?
- A:

- Q: where will the overburden and new pipe be staged?
- A:

- Q: concerning safety, (knowing we have 600,000 visitors/year), will equipment have the keys removed, doors locked and all hydraulic pressure released on levers and buckets and blades in the down position?
- A:

- Q: were you considering using Carriage Hills Drive for an access? If so that would impact the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant restoration site; how will this work because the area will have been newly seeded, jeopardizing our State reimbursement for this project?
- A:

- Q: how will the site be made safe from the excavation work where trenches are left open?
- A:

- Q: will trench boxes be used?
- A:

- Q: who would we communicate with and how?
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Thank you!

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Questions:

- Q: staff would like 2 weeks' notice for any trail or park facility impacts
- A: Northern will be happy to provide 2 weeks' notice prior to construction activity within the park.

- Q: when is the project going to start and end in the park?
- A: Construction for the project is scheduled to begin in spring 2017 and is anticipated to last 6 months. At this time, the exact amount of time spent for construction within the park is unknown.

- Q: What is the anticipated alignment of the new pipe?
- A: At this time, Northern plans to align the new pipeline parallel to its existing pipeline and within Northern's existing pipeline easement.

- Q: Will new permanent easement be necessary?
- A: At this time, Northern plans to install the new pipeline within the existing easement. Northern will complete civil surveys to further design details and identify areas where expanded easements may be desirable. A portion of the existing easement at the southern end of the park near Butwin Camp Drive allows for one pipeline. Northern would like to work with Dakota County Parks to modify this easement to allow for two pipelines. This could eliminate the need for new easement and minimize the impact to the park.

- Q: will trees need to be removed?
- A: Trees will need to be removed within the existing easement, temporary workspaces, and as needed along the access roads to ensure the safe construction of the pipeline. Northern will make every effort to limit tree reduction and to avoid trees during construction.

- Q: If trees are removed, please explain what happens to the branches, trunks and stumps/roots; what is left on site, what is hauled out?
- A: Northern will work with the County to determine what will be done with removed trees, mulch, stumps and roots.

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- Q: for areas which are seeded, can the County specify their specific seed mixes and rates for prairies and wetlands?
- A: Northern Natural Gas will re-seed the work areas with County-recommended seed mixes.

- Q: can construction damage be reduced by other construction methods, such as boring?
- A: The proposed length of the pipeline alignment through the park is 6819 feet. Of the 6819-feet, approximately 3000 feet is currently planned to be installed via boring; the boring also is referred to as a horizontal directions drill (HDD). In filed documents with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the term HDD will be used.

- Q: where boring is to take place in forested sections, will trees need be removed above the pipeline in order to check for leaks? If so, how wide would the trees be removed?

- A: During this project Northern would need to maintain a “travel lane” sufficient for foot travel above the pipeline in the areas that are bored. Again, Northern will make every effort to minimize the amount of tree clearing associated with this.
- Q: Is it possible to bore through the entire park, even the steep sections, with more effort or expense?
- A: Lengthening direction drills increases risks associated with the drilling process. Northern’s preliminary design is meant to minimize the impact to the park’s resources while considering directional drilling risks. Upon completion of civil surveys, Northern will further evaluate the alignment and the potential to further mitigate impact to the park’s resources.
- Q: where will the overburden and new pipe be staged?
- A: The topsoil will be removed and stored in the work area. The subsoil is then removed and stored within the work area separate from the topsoil. When the trench is backfilled, the subsoil will be returned and the topsoil placed on top.
- Q: concerning safety, (knowing we have 600,000 visitors/year), will equipment have the keys removed, doors locked and all hydraulic pressure released on levers and buckets and blades in the down position?
- A: To ensure the safety of patrons of the park Northern will remove keys from equipment, lock doors, and ensure all hydraulic pressures are released. Northern will also ensure buckets, blades, etc. are in the down position at the completion of each work day.
- Q: were you considering using Carriage Hills Drive for an access? If so that would impact the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant restoration site; how will this work because the area will have been newly seeded, jeopardizing our State reimbursement for this project?
- A: At this time Northern is considering using Carriage Hills Drive to access the trail system to the pipeline right of way. After construction activities, Northern will restore the property to its original condition, including planting seed that meets the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant requirements. Northern will work actively with the County to minimize impacts in consideration of the State grant.
- Q: how will the site be made safe from the excavation work where trenches are left open?
- A: Northern will ensure the safety of the public by placing safety fencing around any excavations open overnight and when Northern and construction personnel are not on-site.
- Q: will trench boxes be used?
- A: Northern does not anticipate the need for trench boxes at this time.
- Q: who would we communicate with and how?
- A: Please communicate either by phone or email to:
 Bryan Kruger
 Right of Way Agent
 1120 Centre Pointe Drive, Suite 400
 Mendota Heights, MN 55120
 651-456-1735
 bryan.kruger@nngco.com

- Q: will NNG take responsibility for safety signage and respond appropriately to any County concern relating to public safety?
- A: Northern will be responsible for safety signage within the park, and will agree to respond appropriately to any County concern relating to safety. If there are any concerns, please contact Bryan Kruger at the phone number or email listed above. In an emergency, please contact Northern's Operation Communication Center, which is staffed 24 hours a day, at 888-367-6671.

- Q: how long would the County maintenance shop road be closed?
- A: Northern does not anticipate the need to close the County maintenance shop road. Currently Northern proposes a bore through this area.

- Q: what hours will NNG staff be working and what days of the week?
- A: Northern staff and its contractors typically work from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. If there is the need for accelerated work, work may occur outside of these hours.

- Q: will an EAW, EIS, or Federal EA process be conducted?
- A: At this time, Northern anticipates that an Environmental Assessment will be issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the lead environmental review agency for the project.

- Q: will there be mitigation funds associated with the project that Dakota County can spend in other areas of the park (e.g. invasive species control)?
- A: Northern will gather market information regarding the land value in the pipeline corridor area. Based on this data, Northern will make a good faith offer and negotiate with the County to finalize the agreement. In regard to future use of the park, Northern expects that, upon restoration of the construction areas and trails, the use and enjoyment of the park will continue after construction in the same manner as it is currently used and enjoyed by the public.



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November 19, 2015

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RE: Northern Natural Gas – Lebanon Hills Questionnaire

Dear Mr. Vikla:

Enclosed are the responses to the questions proposed by Dakota County to Northern Natural Gas related to its proposed construction for the Cedar Station Upgrade. Northern is grateful for the opportunity to continue its dialogue with Dakota County and hopes that this information proves helpful. You may submit any follow-up questions in advance of our planned meeting November 23, or ask for additional information during the meeting.

During our meeting, Northern will be discussing two route changes that will be made to address stakeholder input received during the open house held October 26, 2015. We will also describe other routes considered but that proved to be not viable due to increased impacts to landowners and the community. Northern continues to analyze construction methods, such as increased horizontal directional drilling, which will minimize the temporary impacts to the park. These efforts, we hope, illustrate Northern's ongoing commitment to plan its project to minimize land and environmental impacts.

We look forward to our meeting on November 23. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Northern Natural Gas Company

Bryan Kruger
Right of Way Department
Northern Natural Gas

Q.: How is park land valued if additional easement would be needed?

A.: Northern will gather market information regarding the land value in the pipeline corridor area. Based on this data, Northern will make a good faith offer and negotiate with the County to finalize an agreement.

Q.: Operation and Maintenance, how often is the easement cleared of woody plant material?

A.: Operation and maintenance schedule would be similar to that over the existing line. Typically, Northern reviews the need to clear pipeline right of ways every 5 years.

Q.: What is the expected lifespan of a new pipe? Of the existing pipe within the park?

A.: Because natural gas is non-corrosive and because Northern executes a stringent pipeline integrity management program, the life of a pipeline can extend decades. In fact, Northern has pipeline facilities that have been in operation since the 1930s. Northern's integrity management program, which includes air and visual inspection, cathodic protection, in-line inspections and monitoring, will identify pipeline in need of replacement or repair. A well-maintained pipeline can safely transport natural gas indefinitely, as time-dependent threats can be neutralized with integrity assessments and repairs, if necessary.

Q.: What is the frequency of pipe repairs on the existing pipe and on the new pipe?

A.: Routine maintenance activities involve leak detection surveys and in-line inspections. Neither operation would require significant disturbance to pipe resources. In the unlikely event inspections identified anomalies requiring pipeline repair, work would be confined to the areas of concern.

Q: Please send shape files for the maps provided at the Open House titled, CEDAR STATION UPGRADE; map numbers are: 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42

A: These shape files were hand delivered to Terry Vikla on Wednesday, November 18, with the disclaimer that the shape files are the property of Northern Natural Gas and are provided to the Dakota County Parks Department for the Dakota County Parks Department's use only. The shape files and any information contained therein may not in any way be used, referenced, distributed or published except as intended for the meeting between representatives of Northern and the Dakota County Parks Department. Northern makes no representation as to the accuracy of the shape files.

The information presented in these shape files shows proposed route locations, workspaces, access roads and rights of way as they existed on the date they were prepared for the open house held by Northern on October 26, 2015. Since that time, Northern has analyzed route options that address concerns raised by attendees at the open house. Northern continues to examine alternative routes subject to engineering requirements and restrictions, and project impacts. Accordingly, the information on these maps may not be current.

Q.: Please provide shape files for the "clear and grub" areas within the park if not currently on the CEDAR STATION UPGRADE maps.

A: The temporary workspace, extra temporary workspace and existing easement would be "cleared and grubbed" as needed. These areas are shown on the shape files delivered to Dakota County Parks on November 18, 2015. As stated above, the information on the maps provided may not be current.

Q.: Will all of the trees be removed in the defined “clear and grub” areas, or is it possible to be selective and leave some?

A: Trees will need to be removed along the construction corridor and as needed along the access roads to ensure the safe construction of the pipeline. Northern will attempt to mitigate the impact to existing trees through use of horizontal directional drills (HDDs).

Q.: Please provide a description of the Key items listed on the CEDAR STATION UPGRADE maps which show: Proposed Route, Existing Pipeline, Existing Easement, Temporary Workspace, Extra Temp Workspace, Access Road, Env. Clearance Boundary, Property Line.

A: The Proposed Route is the proposed route of the new pipeline. The Existing Pipeline is the location of Northern’s existing pipeline. Temporary Workspaces are areas outside of the existing pipeline easement that typically run parallel to the easement and are needed for safe construction of the new pipeline. Extra Temporary Workspaces are larger areas of temporary workspace typically needed for HDD rigs to accomplish HDDs; these HDDs are essentially underground bores that reduce the need to open cut areas along the pipeline route. Access Roads are proposed temporary roads to be used to access the pipeline project. The Env. Clearance Boundary is a boundary established for environmental and cultural surveys needed to help design the project. The property lines are property lines provided by the Dakota County assessor’s office showing separate tax parcels.

Q.: Did NNG have an environmental/ecological assessment done within the park, and if so, can we have a copy of it?

A.: Results of the agency consultations, habitat evaluations, cultural resource surveys, and noise surveys will be incorporated into the appropriate resource reports that will be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Northern’s environmental consultant will identify, quantify, and tabulate the existing environmental resources that will be affected by the project. Potential impacts on the resources will be evaluated, and where necessary, sensible, practical mitigation measures to reduce impacts will be identified and implemented.

Q. : Are there any alternative alignments possible outside of the park?

A.: Northern considered multiple routes through the park, but is not actively considering any alternative alignments that completely avoid the park due to the location of Northern’s existing pipeline, the size and location of the park and the planning required to reduce, minimize and impacts to new landowners and environmental areas, and to avoid street closures.

Q.: What are the industry standards for setbacks from the edge of a pipeline easement?

A: Typically a utility or transmission company cannot enforce setbacks outside of their easement strips. Northern does not have jurisdiction of property outside of existing easements and, therefore, cannot enforce setbacks from the edge of the pipeline easement.

Q. What are the standards for the distance between multiple pipes in the same easement when they run parallel and when they cross each other?

A.: Excavation within 25 feet of the existing line will require continuous monitoring. Through the park, Northern will attempt to maintain a horizontal offset between 10 and 25 feet.

Q.: Please explain the public notification/approval process.

A: Northern has commenced the public notification process. Northern was approved to use the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) pre-filing process. Information has been docketed at the PF15-32-

000. As part of that process, Northern has established a dedicated website, a single point-of-contact phone number and email address. Northern has mailed information to affected landowners and elected officials and has sent the same information to other stakeholders as those groups and individuals become known to Northern. On October 26, 2015, Northern held an open house to solicit public input. Northern continues to address public input on the process; the response to this inquiry is an example of that outreach. Northern is committed to continue an ongoing public input process.

Additionally, FERC will conduct a public scoping meeting in early 2016 to solicit public input. Interested parties can contact FERC. Attached to this response is a fact sheet that includes information on contacting FERC. After the conclusion of the scoping period, Northern will be filing responses in response to comments received during the scoping period.

Near the middle of next year, Northern will be submitting its formal approval request to FERC. After the filing, which will open a new docket, interested persons can file comments with FERC. Northern will be requesting that an order approving the project be issued no later than March 2017.

Q.: If we disagree with some of the impacts or processes within the park, where do we go from there?

A.: Northern has engaged in an ongoing process to respond to stakeholder comments. As part of that process, Northern has already identified a route variance to reduce impact to the park. Northern also is analyzing construction methods (increased use of HDDs) to reduce temporary park impacts.

Stakeholders may file comments with FERC. The process for filing comments with FERC is detailed in the accompanying fact sheet.

Q.: Can we burn prairie grass over the pipeline? If not, then how close can we come to the pipeline? Our Conservation Partners Legacy Grant project will have prairie planted in the grass areas all around the pond and up to the woods on the west portion of the pipeline area; this is scheduled to be burned the first time in the spring of 2018.

A.: Controlled grass burnings have been successfully executed previously in this area. Burnings require advanced notifications to facilitate a leak survey in the area.



**PRE-FILING REVIEW for the
Cedar Station Upgrade
Docket No. PF15-32-000**

The Project: Cedar Station Upgrade

Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) has announced its intention to construct and operate pipeline facilities in support of its customer's growth requirements for natural gas. The Cedar Station Upgrade Project would involve construction of approximately 7.8 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline looping Northern's existing Rosemount Junction to Minneapolis No. 1 branch line, located in Dakota County, Minnesota.

Most of the planned pipeline route would be collocated with Northern's existing branch line; however, where it is not collocated with Northern's existing line, it would instead be installed within an existing utility corridor and along a highway.

The pipeline facilities are required to meet a contractual obligation with Xcel Energy, Inc. that

calls for Northern to upgrade its pressure at the existing Cedar Station from 400 psig to 650 psig. The increased pressure would be used for incremental electric generation by Xcel at the Cedar Power Plant

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) is the federal agency charged by Congress with determining whether interstate natural gas pipeline projects, such as the Cedar Station Upgrade, are in the public convenience and necessity. The information below explains the FERC's environmental review process for the Cedar Station Upgrade Project and how you can get involved early in that process.

The Process: The Pre-Filing Environmental Review Has Started

The FERC is the lead federal agency responsible for conducting the environmental review of interstate natural gas pipeline projects in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As part of this process, the FERC will prepare a detailed environmental analysis for the Cedar Station Upgrade. The FERC will use the analysis to consider the environmental impacts that could result if it issues Northern a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

The Cedar Station Upgrade is in the preliminary planning phase – the precise details have not yet been finalized and a formal application has not been filed with the FERC. However, the FERC has initiated a pre-filing, or pre-application, environmental review of the Cedar Station Upgrade to allow early involvement by citizens, governmental entities, and other interested parties.

The purpose of the pre-filing review is to encourage involvement by interested stakeholders in a manner that allows for the early identification and resolution of environmental issues. During pre-filing, the FERC staff will notify affected landowners, citizen groups, governmental entities, and other interested parties of the Cedar Station Upgrade and will request comments from them. You can make a difference by providing the FERC with your specific comments or concerns about the Cedar Station Upgrade during the pre-filing process.

The FERC staff will work with all interested stakeholders to identify and attempt to address issues prior to the time when Northern files its application with the FERC.

On October 26, 2015, the FERC staff will participate in a public open house meeting sponsored by Northern in Rosemount, Minnesota, to explain the environmental review process to interested stakeholders.

The FERC staff will issue a Notice of Intent (NOI or notice) to prepare an environmental assessment for the Cedar Station Upgrade. The notice will be sent to affected landowners, jurisdictional agencies, governmental entities, Native American tribes, citizen groups, local libraries and newspapers, and other interested parties. The NOI will be published in the Federal Register. The notice will provide a description of the Cedar Station Upgrade Project, discuss the environmental issues identified to date, and request comments or concerns about the project. The notice also will identify the time and location of any public scoping meetings for the Cedar Station Upgrade.

Additionally, any FERC-sponsored scoping meetings or site visits for the Cedar Station Upgrade will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx along with other related information.

Your Input Is Valued

Early involvement by you and others will help the FERC staff evaluate the Cedar Station Upgrade's potential impact on the environment. Please help this process work by providing the FERC with comments and concerns about the potential environmental impact of the Cedar Station Upgrade. You can also contact Northern directly by phone at 1-888-367-6671 with your specific comments or concerns about the Cedar Station Upgrade.

Your comments to the FERC will be most useful if they focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations and routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Comments that you submit to the FERC during the pre-filing process will be part of the public record and will not have to be resubmitted after Northern files its formal application with the FERC.

How to Share Your Comments and Concerns with the FERC

For your convenience, there are three methods that you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the Cedar Station Upgrade docket number (PF15-32-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or efiling@ferc.gov.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the "eComment" feature, which is located at www.ferc.gov under the link called "[Documents and Filings](#)." eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit text-only comments on a project.

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the "eFiling" feature that is listed under the "[Documents and Filings](#)" link. eFiling involves

preparing your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper, and then saving the file on your computer's hard drive. You will attach that file to your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on the links called "[Sign up](#)" or "[eRegister](#)." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing."

(3) You may file a paper copy of your comments at the following address:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

How to See What Else Is Filed with the FERC

To see what information has been filed with the FERC regarding the Cedar Station Upgrade, go to the FERC website at www.ferc.gov and use the "eLibrary" link. Select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu and enter the docket number (i.e., PF15-32) in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range and

follow the instructions. Searches may also be done using the phrase "Cedar Station Upgrade" in the "Text Search" field. For assistance with access to eLibrary, use FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or the FERC telephone helpline at 1-866-208-3676 (TTY contact 202-502-8659).

How to Contact Northern Natural Gas

To request additional information on the Cedar Station Upgrade or to provide comments directly to the Northern, you can contact Northern by phone at 1-888-367-6671 or by email at Cedarstation@nngco.com. Northern has established an Internet website at <http://www.northernnaturalgas.com/expansionprojects/>.

The website includes a description of the Cedar Station Upgrade, viewing locations for project materials and maps, frequently asked questions and responses, and links to related documents. Northern will update the website as the environmental review of its Cedar Station Upgrade progresses.