



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-130-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application and Establishing Intervention Deadline

Take notice that on March 2, 2026, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, NE 68124-1000, filed an application under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization for its: (1) Ventura to Farmington A- Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project (V2F Project); and (2) Northern Lights 2027 Expansion Project (NL27 Project). The two projects are being filed together because two of the proposed pipeline extensions are required for each project and will be constructed concurrently.

For the V2F Project, Northern proposes to: (1) abandon in place approximately 131 miles of its 16- and 18-inch-diameter A line and J line in Hancock and Worth Counties, Iowa and Freeborn, Steele, and Rice Counties, Minnesota; (2) construct an approximately 8.29 mile 36-inch-diameter extension in Freeborn County, Minnesota; (3) construct an approximately 2.09 mile 36-inch-diameter extension of the Albert Lea M500 E line in Steele County, Minnesota; and (4) construct an approximately 7.50 mile 30-inch-diameter extension of the Faribault M500 D line in Dakota County, Minnesota. The V2F Project will ensure continuity of service for Northern's customers following the abandonment of the aging A-line and J-line. The V2F Project will not result in any

change of service to Northern's customers and will not add any incremental capacity to their system.

For the NL27 Project, Northern proposes to: (1) construct ten pipeline extensions totaling 28.43 miles of various diameter pipeline in Freeborn, Steele, Scott, Carver, Martin, Stearns, Jackson, Watonwan, Isanti, Morrison Counties in Minnesota; and (2) replace an existing 7,000 hp turbine compressor unit with a new 7,700 hp turbine compressor unit at the Hugo Compressor Station in Washington County, Minnesota. The NL27 project will enable Northern to provide an additional 79.3 Dth/d of incremental firm service to the project shippers for residential and commercial use.

Northern estimates the total cost of the V2F Project to be \$146,532,569 and the NL27 project to be \$132,77,653, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the Federal Register, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>). From the Commission's Home Page on the Internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's website during normal business hours from FERC Online Support at (202) 502-6652 (toll free at 1-866-208-3676) or email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371, TTY (202) 502-8659. Email the Public Reference Room at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov.

Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to Donna Martens, Senior Regulatory Analyst, Northern Natural Gas Company, 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, NE 68124, by phone at (402) 398-7138 or by email at donna.martens@nngco.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental review and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or environmental assessment (EA) for this proposal. The filing of an EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete

¹ 18 CFR 157.9.

all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file comments on the project, you can protest the filing, and you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding. There is no fee or cost for filing comments or intervening. The deadline for filing a motion to intervene is **5:00 pm Eastern Time on April 6, 2026**. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation (OPP) at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. Comments may include statements of support or objections to the project as a whole or specific aspects of the project. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be.

Protests

Pursuant to sections 157.10(a)(4)² and 385.211³ of the Commission's regulations under the NGA, any person⁴ may file a protest to the application. Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 385.2001⁵ of the Commission's regulations. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

To ensure that your comments or protests are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before **5:00 pm Eastern Time on April 6, 2026**.

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments or protests to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the Project docket number **CP26-130-000** in your submission.

- (1) You may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

² 18 CFR 157.10(a)(4).

³ 18 CFR 385.211.

⁴ Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

⁵ 18 CFR 385.2001.

- (2) You may file your comments or protests electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “eRegister.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select “General” and then select “Comment on a Filing”; or
- (3) You can file a paper copy of your comments or protests by mailing them to the following address below. Your written comments must reference the Project docket number (**CP26-130-000**).

To file via USPS:

Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

To file via any other courier:

Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
12225 Wilkins Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20852

The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments (options 1 and 2 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Persons who comment on the environmental review of this project will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, and will receive notification when the environmental documents (EA or EIS) are issued for this project and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process.

The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. **However, the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding.** To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding. For instructions on how to intervene, see below.

Interventions

Any person, which includes individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities,⁶ has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

⁶ 18 CFR 385.102(d).

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure⁷ and the regulations under the NGA⁸ by the intervention deadline for the project, which is **5:00 pm Eastern Time on April 6, 2026**. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

There are two ways to submit your motion to intervene. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number **CP26-130-000** in your submission.

- (1) You may file your motion to intervene by using the Commission’s eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “eRegister.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select “General” and then select “Intervention.” The eFiling feature includes a document-less intervention

⁷ 18 CFR 385.214.

⁸ 18 CFR 157.10.

option; for more information, visit <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/document-less-intervention.pdf>; or

- (2) You can file a paper copy of your motion to intervene, along with three copies, by mailing the documents to the address below. Your motion to intervene must reference the Project docket number **CP26-130-000**.

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The Commission encourages electronic filing of motions to intervene (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail at: to Donna Martens, Senior Regulatory Analyst for Northern, 1111 South 103rd Street,

Omaha, NE 68124, or by email (with a link to the document) at donna.martens@nngco.com. Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served to the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online. Service can be via email with a link to the document.

All timely, unopposed⁹ motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1).¹⁰ Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.¹¹ A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

TRACKING THE PROCEEDING

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project will be available from OPP at **(202) 502-6595** or on the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the

⁹ The applicant has 15 days from the submittal of a motion to intervene to file a written objection to the intervention.

¹⁰ 18 CFR 385.214(c)(1).

¹¹ 18 CFR 385.214(b)(3) and (d).

texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. For more information and to register, go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Intervention Deadline: 5:00 pm Eastern Time on April 6, 2026.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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