



Northern Natural Gas Company
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RE: Northern Natural Gas Company
South Sioux City to Sioux Falls A-line Replacement Project
Docket No. CP20-487-000

Dear Sir or Madam:

Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) owns, and operates an interstate natural gas pipeline system and is regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). On June 29, 2020, Northern filed an application with FERC in Docket No. CP20-487-000 requesting authorization to:

- (1) abandon in-place approximately 79.21 miles of its 14- and 16-inch-diameter South Sioux City to Sioux Falls M561 A-line (A-line) and appurtenances and to replace the abandoned pipeline with approximately 82.23 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline and appurtenances in Dakota and Dixon counties, Nebraska, and Lincoln and Union counties, South Dakota;
- (2) install an approximately 3.15-mile-long 12-inch-diameter tie-over pipeline and appurtenances in Lincoln County, South Dakota;
- (3) abandon in-place the existing 0.16-mile-long 2-inch-diameter Ponca branch line and replace it with an approximately 1.87-mile-long 3-inch-diameter branch line and appurtenances in Dixon County, Nebraska;
- (4) abandon in-place the existing 0.06-mile-long 2-inch-diameter Jackson branch line and appurtenances in Dakota County, Nebraska;
- (5) modify existing and install new above-grade facilities in various counties in Nebraska and South Dakota; and
- (6) abandon and remove short segments of pipeline in various counties in Nebraska and South Dakota.

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Following FERC approval of Northern's application, and the subsequent abandonment and the construction and in-service of facilities, the A-line will be sold to a third party salvage company.

Northern must obtain FERC approval to abandon, construct and operate the proposed facilities. Northern requested that FERC issue an order approving the proposed project by March 18, 2021. Northern anticipates executing a two-year construction schedule starting spring 2021 to construct certain of the facilities, Northern does not plan to conduct construction activities during winter 2021. The majority of the construction, including the abandonment of the pipeline facilities will commence spring 2022, with an anticipated in-service date for all project components by November 1, 2022.

Northern will utilize a 75-foot-wide temporary work space (TWS) to accommodate installation of the pipelines; the TWS will be reduced to 50 and 60 feet wide within large wetland complexes. Various sizes of extra temporary work space (ETWS), staging areas and new or to be improved temporary access roads also will be utilized for the proposed project. Northern will utilize existing easements where practicable; Northern will work with landowners to obtain permanent pipeline and facility easements and temporary work space.

This letter has been sent to you because you have been identified as a potential stakeholder, by virtue of being an affected landowner or a representative of a permitting or interested town, community, or local, state or federal government or agency. You may have been previously notified by Northern regarding surveys, permits and/or clearances for the project. Northern is providing attachments with the letter sent to landowners directly or indirectly involved in the project. These attachments have been posted to the website established by Northern for the proposed project and can be accessed at <https://www.northernnaturalgas.com/expansionprojects/Pages/SouthSiouxCity.aspx>. Click on the "Attachments to July 2020 Stakeholder Letter" under the Resources tab on the left side of the screen. This information includes:

- (1) A general location site map showing the Project area
- (2) A pamphlet prepared by the FERC entitled, *An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need to Know?* The pamphlet explains the certificate approval process at the FERC, and addresses how the location of a pipeline or other facility is decided and the rights of property owners
- (3) A copy of the FERC's notice of Northern's application. This notice provides information on how to intervene or participate in the FERC's proceeding. Motions to intervene must be filed by writing to: FERC's Secretary, 888 First Street NE, Washington, D.C., 20406
- (4) The Summary of Landowner Rights under Nebraska and South Dakota "Eminent Domain" statutes

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Northern at 1-888-367-6671. If you call, please tell the operator that you are calling about the South Sioux City to Sioux Falls Pipeline Replacement project. Alternatively, you may email us at: Aline2020@nngco.com. A copy of Northern's application (public information) has been mailed to the following libraries:

South Sioux City Public Library
2121 Dakota Avenue
South Sioux City, NE 68776
(Note: not currently open to the public)

Ponca Carnegie Library
201 W. 2nd Street
Ponca, NE 68770

Beresford Public Library
115 South Third Street
Beresford, SD 57004

Canton Public Library
275 N. Broadway
Canton, SD 57013

Northern's application also may be obtained through the FERC's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number CP20-487-000 in the docket number field to access the document. User assistance is available by email at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 866-208-3676 (TTY, call 202-502-8659). 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.

Respectfully yours,



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