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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER23–2874–000]

NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene, or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is October 9, 2023.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502–6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

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[Docket No. CP22–489–001]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on September 11, 2023, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) grant an extension of time (2023 Extension of Time Request), until October 13, 2023, to install and operate an approximately 1.57-mile expansion of its 36-inch-diameter MNM80105 Ventura Interconnect to Farmington E-Line in Freeborn and Steele counties, Minnesota, in the Prior Notice Request for Authorization Under Blanket Certificate (Prior Notice) under Docket

No. CP22–489–000. On July 25, 2022, the Commission issued a Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization, which established a 60-day comment period, ending on September 23, 2022, to file protests. No protests were filed during the comment period, and accordingly the project was authorized on September 24, 2022 and by Rule should have been completed within one year.

In its 2023 Extension of Time Request, Northern states that it delayed construction until May 22, 2023, to avoid construction during the winter and spring load restrictions on State and local roads. Northern expected to complete the Project within the one-year time frame. However, during construction, Northern's contractor experienced multiple delays with the horizontal directional drilling (HDD) activities due to drill rig availability and an increased duration for the pilot and reaming activities. Additionally, construction for the associated tie-in facilities was longer than expected due to a change in tie-in plans at the Albert Lea compressor station as described in weekly report 16. The proposed tie-in location on the D-line was not suitable for in-service welding, resulting in additional excavation, backfill, fabrication and pressure testing. Northern currently estimates completing commissioning and testing of the new line the week of October 2, 2023.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on Northern's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10).

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for Natural Gas Act facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension requests that are contested,¹ the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.² The Commission will

¹ Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 CFR 385.2201(c)(1) (2019).

² *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).