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RE: Docket No. PHMSA-2005-20323 Special Permit Abrogation/Discontinuation Request, La Crescent pipeline (MNB73701)

Effective June 2, 2005, and renewed April 10, 2010, and April 7, 2015, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration issued Northern Natural Gas a Special Permit per Docket No. PHMSA-2005-20323 waiving compliance with 49 CFR 192.625(b)(1) regarding odorization of one segment of the Northern Natural Gas transmission pipeline system located in Houston County, Minnesota. The pipeline safety regulations in §192.625(b)(1) require natural gas pipeline operators to odorize natural gas in pipelines when at least 50% of the line downstream from that location is located in a Class 3 or Class 4 location as defined in §192.5, Class Locations.

The special permit segment is located on the 4 ½-inch-diameter La Crescent, Minnesota, pipeline (MNB73701). Since the special permit was granted, pipeline system conditions have changed, and Northern Natural Gas has abandoned the pipeline. Northern Natural Gas requests the abrogation and discontinuation of active special permit Docket No. PHMSA-2005-20323 as the La Crescent, Minnesota, pipeline (MNB73701) is no longer in service.

Please contact me with any questions.

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