



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

July 22, 2022

Mr. Tom Correll
Vice President, Pipeline Safety and Risk
Northern Natural Gas Company
111 South 103rd Street
Omaha, NE 68116

Re: Docket No. PHMSA-2005-20323

Dear Mr. Correll:

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has reviewed your letter of May 6, 2022, in which Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) gave notice that it abandoned the 4-1/2-inch diameter La Crescent, Minnesota Pipeline (MNB73701) (Pipeline) located in Houston County, Minnesota. Special permit number PHMSA-2005-20323 waived compliance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 192.625(b)(1) for the non-odorized operation of the Pipeline, where over 50 percent of the pipeline segment mileage is in a Class 3 or Class 4 location as defined in 49 CFR § 192.5.

Northern abandoned the Pipeline on October 31, 2021, and requested in a letter to PHMSA dated May 6, 2022, that PHMSA abrogate and discontinue the special permit for the Pipeline. After review of the request from Northern, PHMSA has no objection to the request to discontinue special permit number PHMSA-2005-20323 as of the date of this response letter.

My staff would be pleased to discuss the discontinuation of this special permit or any other regulatory matter with you. Senth White, Director of PHMSA Engineering and Research Division, may be contacted at 202-366-2415, on technical matters; and Greg Ochs, Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, Central Region, may be contacted at 816-329-3814, for operational matters specific to this special permit.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator
Office of Pipeline Safety