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Larry,

In our discussion March 22, 2016, you requested additional details regarding Northern's facility requirements, regulatory filing requirements, and expected timing of construction in support of Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation's Rochester, Minnesota, expansion project.

I have attached a map containing Northern's preliminary facility requirements for the project. These facilities will be constructed in two phases as follows:

- Phase 1: The first phase is expected to be completed in 2018 and consists of the following facilities:
 - A new 15,900-hp (ISO rated) compressor station near Lake Mills, Iowa
 - Modifications at Northern's existing Rochester MN 1D town border station

- Phase 2: The second phase is expected to be completed in 2019 and consists of the following facilities:
 - Installation of a new 12-mile pipeline lateral from the La Crosse/Tomah branch line to Minnesota Energy Resources' proposed pipeline near the intersection of 70th Avenue and Salem Road
 - A new town border station at the terminus of the lateral
 - Piping modifications at the existing La Crosse/Tomah branch line take-off
 - Upgrading the MAOP of 8 miles of the existing La Crosse/Tomah branch line

All proposed facilities are under FERC jurisdiction. While Northern has not finalized its regulatory approval plans, Northern expects to file any necessary Section 7(c) application and/or prior-notice filing with FERC after Minnesota Public Utility Commission approval of Minnesota Energy Resources' pipeline routing and cost recovery applications.

Please let Laura or me know if you have any other questions regarding Northern's support of Minnesota Energy Resources' expansion project.

Sincerely,

Craig Eller

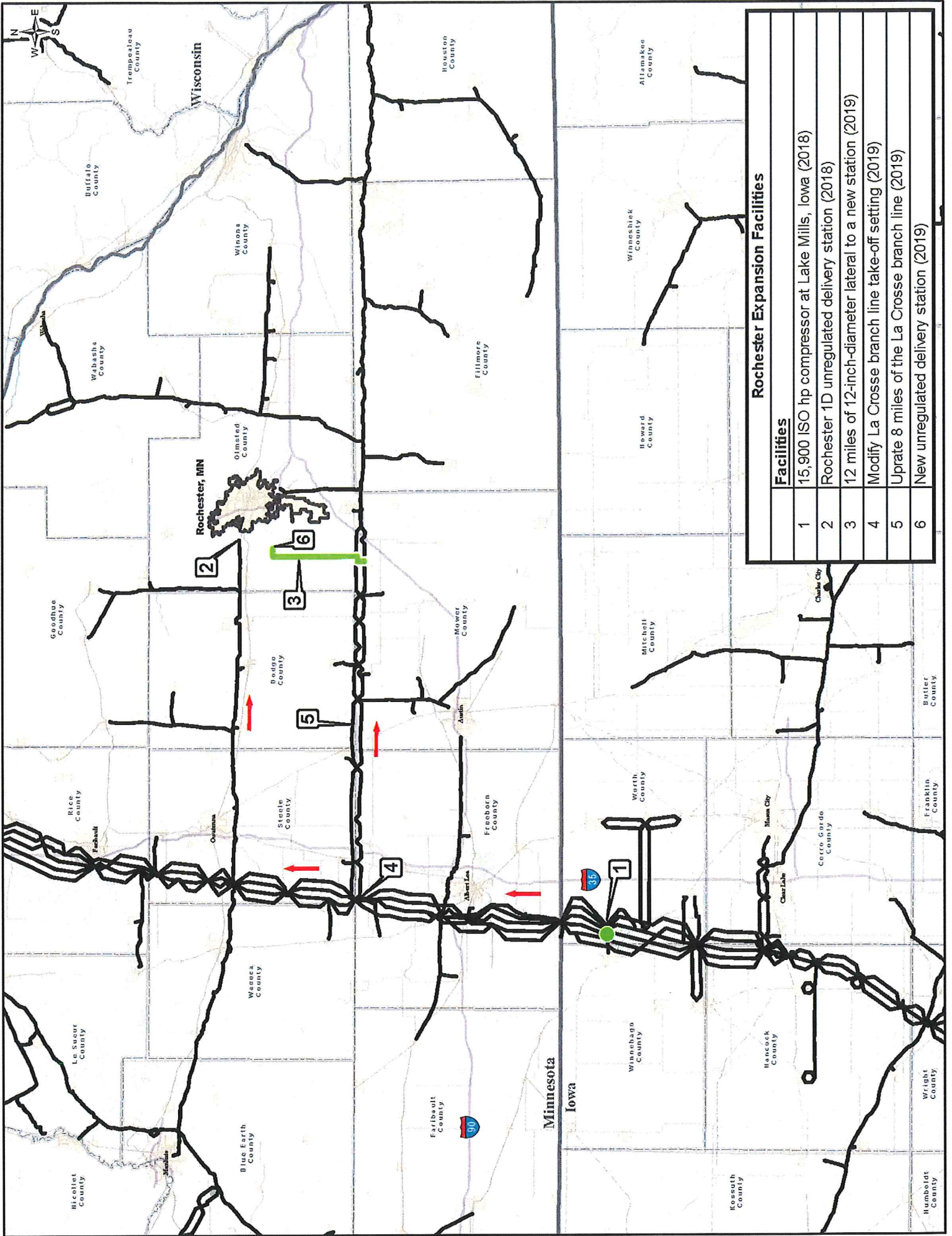
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Rochester Expansion Facilities	
Facilities	
1	15,900 ISO hp compressor at Lake Mills, Iowa (2018)
2	Rochester 1D unregulated delivery station (2018)
3	12 miles of 12-inch-diameter lateral to a new station (2019)
4	Modify La Crosse branch line take-off setting (2019)
5	Upgrade 8 miles of the La Crosse branch line (2019)
6	New unregulated delivery station (2019)