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PSC Public Hearing Scheduled for Proposed Crude Oil Pipeline in Williams County

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Williston on Thursday, Oct. 29, regarding a proposal for a crude oil pipeline in Williams County.

Plains Pipeline, L.P. has submitted an application for a permit for the location of a new 8.5-mile long, 10-inch diameter crude oil pipeline. The Highway 1804 Pipeline Re-Route North project would replace the northern portion of the existing Fort Buford to Highway 1804 6-inch pipeline. It is not anticipated the project would include any above ground facilities.

The application states that the project is needed to update and upgrade this section of the pipeline to address the transportation of growing volumes of crude oil from the Bakken Formation to numerous refining centers across the U.S. Additionally, the project would increase the distance between the pipeline and Lake Trenton, as well as the town of Trenton. The pipeline will have a maximum capacity of approximately 40,000 barrels per day, with a normal throughput of approximately 15,000 barrels per day. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$7 million.

The pipeline would originate at the Highway 1804 Re-Route South Tie-in and terminate at the Side Hill Junction Block Valve, approximately 2 miles northeast of Trenton. (Note to the media: A map showing the pipeline route has been provided to you for use with any announcements or stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- **When: Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015 – 9 a.m. CDT**
- **Where: Ernie French Center, NDSU Williston Research Campus
14120 Highway 2, Williston, N.D.**

The hearing provides an opportunity for members of the public to contribute to the PSC's official record. Any comments from members of the public must be received at the hearing to be part of the record. People with concerns, questions or support/opposition for the project are encouraged to attend the hearing and present the information. Information received after the hearing will not be part of the official record and cannot be used as a basis for the Commission's decision unless certain additional procedures are followed.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate certain business activities in the state including electric and gas

utilities, telecommunications companies, power plants, electric transmission lines, pipelines, railroads, grain elevators, auctioneers, commercial weighing devices, pipeline safety and coal mine reclamation. For more information, contact the Public Service Commission at (701) 328-2400 or www.psc.nd.gov.

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