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## PSC Schedules Public Hearing for Proposed Gas Processing Plant in McKenzie County

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Watford City on Monday, Feb. 9, regarding a proposal for a gas processing plant in McKenzie County.

ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C., has submitted an application for the Demicks Lake Gas Processing Plant. The plant will consist of two cryogenic turboexpander processing units. Each unit would have a capacity of 200 million standard cubic feet per day (MMscfd) for a total plant capacity of 400 MMscfd. The plant will process well-head natural gas gathered from local crude oil production wells. The plant will produce a natural gas liquids (NGL) stream containing products such as propane, butane and natural gasoline; as well as pipeline grade natural gas, a mixture of methane, ethane and carbon dioxide.

ONEOK's gathering system will deliver the gas to the plant for processing, and once processed, the NGLs will be transferred to on-site storage tanks prior to being transferred to a pipeline. Residue gas, largely methane and ethane, will be transferred to the Northern Border Pipeline. Total cost for this project is estimated at approximately \$642 million (\$321 million for each unit).

The plant would be located approximately 13.5 miles northeast of Watford City and would be constructed on a plot of approximately 160 acres. (Note to the media: A map showing the plant location has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- When: Monday, February 9, 2015 9 a.m. CDT
- Where: Teddy's Residential Suites 113 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Watford City, N.D.

The hearings provide 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 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 hearing schedule provides for the company to present its case and answer questions from the Commissioners first, after which the Commission will take comments from other parties and the public.

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