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PSC Schedules Public Hearing for Proposed Hawkeye Pipeline Project

Project includes crude oil pipeline and natural gas liquids pipeline in McKenzie and Williams Counties

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Williston on Friday, April 17, regarding a proposal for a crude oil pipeline and a natural gas liquids (NGL) pipeline in McKenzie and Williams Counties.

Hess North Dakota Pipelines, LLC, has submitted applications for two pipeline projects, which would connect Bakken production fields south of Lake Sakakawea to existing processing and truck facilities north of the lake The first application is for a proposed 12-inch crude oil pipeline project consisting of approximately 22.8 miles of new 12-inch diameter pipeline, 2.4 miles of existing 8-inch diameter pipeline, and associated facilities. The pipeline would transport crude oil from the proposed Hawkeye Oil Facility near Keene to the Ramberg Truck Facility near Tioga. Estimated cost of the project is \$104.7 million.

The second application is for a proposed NGL pipeline project, consisting of approximately 10.5 miles of existing 8-inch diameter pipeline, 8.7 miles of existing 10-inch diameter pipeline, and associated facilities. The pipeline would transport NGL from the Hawkeye Compressor station near Charlson to the Sulurian Compressor Station near Tioga. Since this project consists of repurposing a number of different segments of existing pipeline, Hess was unable to accurately determine the amount invested in the existing segments.

(Note to the media: Two maps showing the pipeline locations have been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

## Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- When: Friday, April 17, 2015 9 a.m. CDT
- Where: The Brooks Hotel
  7115 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue E., 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 for the project are encouraged to attend the hearing and present the information. <u>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.</u>

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 <a href="https://www.psc.nd.gov">www.psc.nd.gov</a>.

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