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## PSC Schedules Public Hearing in Stanley for Proposed Crude Oil Pipeline Proposed 10-mile route located in Mountrail County

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Stanley on Wednesday, June 24, regarding a proposal for a crude oil pipeline in Mountrail County.

Plains Pipeline, L.P. has submitted an application to operate the Bison Pipeline Project, an approximately 10-mile long, 8-inch diameter crude oil pipeline. The pipeline is expected to transport about 15,000 barrels of crude oil per day, with a maximum capacity of 25,000 barrels per day. Estimated cost of the project is \$9 million.

The pipeline would originate at the Robinson Lake Facility (approximately 8 miles northeast of New Town) and extend southward to connect with the Plains' Van Hook Rail Facility (approximately 5 miles east of New Town) for distribution to refineries in the eastern United States and southward to Houston, Texas. (Note to the media: A map showing the pipeline location has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

## Details for the public hearing are as follows:

• When: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 – 9 a.m. CDT

• Where: Stanley City Hall 208 South Main Street, Stanley, 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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