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PSC Schedules Public Hearing in Williston for Proposed Ethane Pipeline Proposed 47-mile route located in Divide and Williams Counties

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Williston on Thursday, Aug. 13, regarding a proposal for a ethane pipeline in Divide and Williams Counties.

Vantage Pipeline US, LP has submitted an application to construct and operate a new 47-mile long, 8-inch diameter ethane pipeline and associated facilities. The West Spur Lateral Pipeline will have a maximum capacity of 30,000 barrels per day and will transport liquid ethane, a component of natural gas. Estimated cost of the project is \$85 million.

The pipeline will start at the Stateline II Gas Processing Plant (owned by ONEOK Partners, LP) near Williston and end by connecting to the existing Vantage ethane pipeline system near Stady, N.D. The Vantage pipeline supplies ethane to petrochemical facilities located in Alberta where it is converted into ethylene, which is the building block for a wide range of consumer and industrial products such as plastics, antifreeze, rubber, detergents, and solvents. (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: Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015 9 a.m. CDT
- Where: Ernie French Center, NDSU Williston Research Center 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 and under oath to be part of the record. People with concerns, questions or support for the project are encouraged to attend the hearing and present their 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 www.psc.nd.gov.

