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## PSC Schedules Public Hearing in Grassy Butte for Proposed Natural Gas Liquids Pipeline Project

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Grassy Butte on Monday, May 14, regarding a proposal to build a Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) Pipeline system in McKenzie, Billings and Stark Counties.

Andeavor Field Services, LLC, has submitted an application for a permit to build an NGL pipeline system consisting of approximately 44 miles of new 6-inch and 8-inch steel pipelines. The project would consist of three separate pipeline segments: (1) "North Segment" consisting of 17 miles of 8-inch pipeline in McKenzie County; (2) "South Segment" consisting of 22 miles of 8-inch pipeline starting in Billings County and ending in Stark County; and (3) the "Product Transfer Segment" consisting of approximately 5 miles of four separate 6-inch pipelines starting in Stark County and ending in Billings County. The North and South segments will interconnect using approximately 42 miles of the previously permitted BakkenLink Pipeline.

The North and South segments will initially carry up to 15,000 barrels per day (BPD) with expansion capacity up to 34,000 BPD. The Transfer Segment will have normal throughput of 7,200 BPD with a maximum capacity of 43,000 BPD. Estimated cost of the project is \$46 million.

The project will carry Y-Grade NGLs from the existing Oasis Wild Basin Gas Plant in McKenzie County to a fractionation facility in Stark County, where the NGLs will be separated into products such as ethane, propane, butane and natural gasoline and then transported to the Fryburg Rail Terminal in Billings County. (Note to the media: A map showing the location of the project has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

## Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- When: Monday, May 14, 2018 9 a.m. Mountain (10 a.m. Central)
- Where: Grassy Butte Community Hall Grassy Butte, ND 58634

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 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.

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