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PSC Public Hearing Scheduled for Dec. 11 in Stanley
Proposal Would Convert Existing Oil Pipeline into a Transmission Line

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, Dec. 11, regarding a proposal to convert an existing crude oil gathering pipeline into a transmission line. The approximately 31-mile long, 8-inch existing pipeline spans between New Town and Stanley in Mountrail County.

Targa Badlands LLC has submitted an application to convert the existing gathering pipeline system into a transmission line. The pipeline will be used to transport crude oil from production wells on the Fort Berthold Reservation to the Enbridge terminal near Stanley. The pipeline will have a maximum capacity of approximately 48,000 barrels per day. The facilities also include a proposed 30,000 barrel capacity tank at the origin of the pipeline near New Town and an existing 25,000 barrel capacity tank near Stanley. Estimated cost of the project is \$40.89 million.

(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, December 11, 2014 – 9 a.m. CDT**
- **Where: Stanley City Hall**
208 South Main Street, Stanley, 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.

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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