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### **PSC Public Hearing Scheduled for Proposed Crude Oil Pipeline**

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 23, regarding a proposal to build a new 10-inch crude oil pipeline that will run through Billings, Dunn and Stark Counties.

Belle Fourche Pipeline Company has submitted an application to build the 20-mile-long pipeline parallel to an existing line. The pipeline is needed to increase capacity for transporting crude oil from western North Dakota to the Dakota Prairie Refining facility or transported via rail for delivery to crude markets on the East and West Coasts. The additional pipeline will increase the capacity of the system by 100,000 barrels per day on an annual average.

Estimated cost of the project is \$7.9 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: Monday, June 23 – 9 a.m. MST (10 a.m. CST)**
- **Where: Dickinson State University, Student Center  
900 Campus Drive, Ballroom B  
Dickinson, 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](http://www.psc.nd.gov).

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