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### **Public Hearing Scheduled for Proposed Crude Oil Pipeline in McKenzie County**

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Watford City on Thursday, Sept. 10, regarding a proposal for a crude oil pipeline in McKenzie County.

NST Express, LLC has submitted an application for a permit for the location of a new 23-mile long, 12-inch diameter crude oil pipeline and associated facilities. Associated facilities include three above ground storage tanks with a capacity of 50,000 barrels each, a pump station and a pig launcher at the Alexander facility and receiver at the Fairview facility. Five mainland valves will be located throughout the pipeline with two automated valves located on each side of the Yellowstone River crossing. The NST Express Pipeline will have a maximum capacity of 100,000 barrels per day. Estimated cost of the project is \$60-\$80 million.

The pipeline would start at a proposed gathering facility approximately 9 miles north of Alexander, N.D., and end at an existing rail loading terminal located approximately 0.5 miles north of East Fairview, N.D. (Note to the media: A map showing the proposed pipeline route has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

#### **Details for the public hearing are as follows:**

- **When: Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015 – 9 a.m. CDT**
- **Where: Teddy's Residential Suites  
113 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Watford City, 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/opposition 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 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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