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PSC Schedules Public Hearings in Minot and Tioga for Proposed Pipeline Project

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold public hearings in Minot on Monday, July 24, and in Tioga on Tuesday, July 25, regarding a proposal for a pipeline project in Williams, Mountrail and Ward Counties.

Cenex Pipeline, LLC, is proposing to construct a 181.5 mile-long pipeline from Sydney Mont. to Minot, N.D. to replace a portion of the existing 8-inch pipeline and add throughput. The North Dakota portion of this project includes 149.7 miles. Cenex proposes to follow a different route to minimize the amount of construction in sensitive areas, while also avoiding difficult river crossings and other engineering and land-use challenges. The pipeline would have a capacity of approximately 38,000 barrels per day. The estimated cost of the project is \$160 million.

The entire Cenex Pipeline transports refined fuels from Laurel, Mont. to Fargo, N.D. The section of the pipeline that would be replaced in this project would enter N.D. 5.8 miles north of Fort Buford and extend to the CHS Minot Terminal. (Note to the media: A map showing the proposed location of the project has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearings are as follows:

- **Monday, July 24, 2017 – 10 a.m. Central**
Sleep Inn
2400 10th Street SW, Minot, ND 58701
- **Tuesday, July 25, 2017 – 9 a.m. Central**
Tioga City Hall
16 1st Street NE, Tioga, ND 58852

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 hearings to be part of the record. People with concerns, questions or support/opposition for the project are encouraged to attend the hearings and present their information. Information received after the hearings 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.

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