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Ms. Ilona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco
Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



Re: Case Number PU-04-109
Route Permit No. 95 for Antelope Valley Station Raw Water Pipeline
Beulah, North Dakota

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Basin Electric Power Cooperative would like to inform the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) that an adjustment from the original design elevation for a portion of the Antelope Valley Station's raw water pipeline has become necessary.

This vertical adjustment is due to the unfavorable soil conditions encountered in a small portion of the project which happens to be located in a delineated wetland. Specifically, we are concerned that there may be potential negative effects from soil disturbance in this area on the integrity of the existing water pipeline. Bartlett and West's project engineers adjusted the elevation of approximately 600 feet of the pipeline in order to provide for additional margin of safety. The enclosed drawing reflects the current pipeline design features in this area.

Although this change will not provide a change or deviation from the approved route, none the less, Basin Electric wanted to inform the Commission of this activity. The pipeline will have less cover in this immediate area but will not affect the pipeline's integrity, operation or safety aspects.

The post construction grading will re-establish the pre-construction contours as required in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Nationwide Permit 12 for utility line activity in the delineated wetland area. The surface landowner, Coteau Properties, has been informed and has consented to the change in the pre-construction grading outside of the wetland area.

The as-built drawings that will be submitted at the end of this project will verify the actual change from design.

Sincerely,

Cris Miller
Environmental Coordinator

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Enclosure

cc: Deborah Levchak w/o encl.