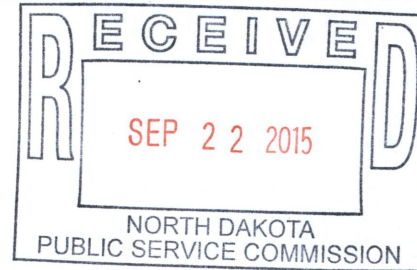


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Re: Case No. PU-04-109
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Antelope Valley Station Water Pipeline Project

Dear Mr. Fahn:

The following is in response to the North Dakota Public Service Commission's letter dated August 17, 2015, inquiring as to the status of the noxious weeds associated in the area denoted as Segment A that was described in Appendix A of the 2010 Project's Annual Update Report.

On August 26, 2015, Mr. Mike Murray, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, Property and Right of Way Manager for Basin Electric Power Cooperative visited the project area in question near Station 225+00. Mr. Murray indicated a very small amount of wormwood was present and small amount of thistle present along the edges of the right-of-way. Mr. Murray also noted that there was presence of a variety of noxious weeds outside of the right-of-way.

The photographs below indicate adequate restoration of vegetative cover in the vicinity of Segment A.

Should you have additional questions and/or comments regarding the Pipeline Project Area in question, please call Cris Miller, Senior Environmental Project Specialist at (701) 557-5635 or cmiller@bepc.com.

Sincerely,

Cris Miller
Senior Environmental Project Specialist

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cc: Mike Murray
Casey Jacobson

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Picture No 1:
Date: August 26, 2015
Station 225+00, viewing north
Subject: Right of Way alongside the west side of access trail
Prairie grasses and minimal weeds present.



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Picture No 2:

Date: August 26, 2015

Station 225+00, viewing south

Subject: Right of Way alongside the east edge of trees

Alfalfa stand in background and mixed prairie grasses with minimal weeds present.

