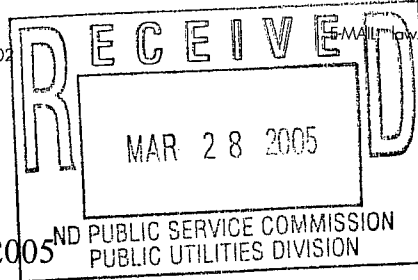




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**RE: LETTER OF INTENT FOR PLAINS  
 PIPELINE, LP TRENTON SYSTEM  
 EXPANSION PROJECTS**

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Plains Pipeline, LP ("Plains") is proposing two separate expansions to its existing Trenton Pipeline System which currently delivers crude oil from the Four Mile Station in Richland County, Montana, to a point near Trenton, North Dakota.

One project involves the installation of approximately 9.6 miles of 10 inch diameter pipe from Four Mile Station to a point approximately 3 miles northeast of Buford, North Dakota. Approximately 6 miles of this line will be located in the state of North Dakota. The timeline for this project is for construction to commence in May of 2005, with completion in July of 2005. The estimated project cost for the North Dakota portion of the pipeline is estimated to be approximately one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000). A map depicting this proposed expansion project and the existing pipeline is enclosed as Exhibit "A".

The second project involves the installation of approximately 2.3 miles of 10 inch diameter pipe from the Trenton Station to the south and then .25 miles of 6 inch diameter pipe to connect to an existing Plains pipeline. The entire portion of this expansion project will be located in the state of North Dakota. Plans are to commence this project in the May

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of 2005 with completion in August of 2005. The estimated cost for this project is approximately seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000). A map depicting this proposed expansion project and the existing pipeline is enclosed as Exhibit "B".

It is anticipated that applications for two separate Route Permits will be submitted in April of 2005. Should you have any questions or require any additional information regarding these two pipeline projects, please advise.

Sincerely,

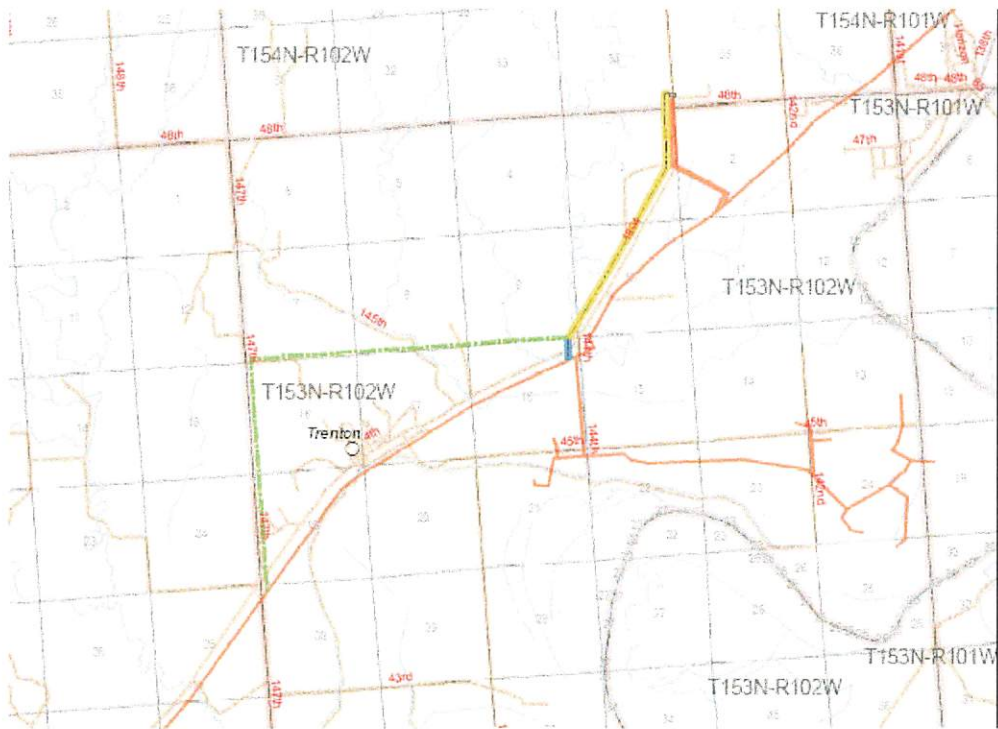


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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Bill Binek *Via Hand Delivery*  
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**EXHIBIT B**