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PIPELINE, L.P.

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Mr. Patrick Fahn
North Dakota Public Service Commission
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0408

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Dear Mr. Fahn:

Enclosed is the fourth annual report to present woody vegetation survival for trees and shrubs replanted under Public Service Commission order No. PU-05-184 for pipeline construction in Williams County, ND. Replacement trees and shrubs have been replaced in accordance with landowner wishes.

A summation is attached which shows the woody vegetation replanted and what was found to survive for the previous four years. The percent survival observed is over 75%. Please close this tree monitoring requirement of PSC order No. PU-05-184.

Please call me at 701-575-4254 ext. 34 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Daniel Holli
Environmental Specialist

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**Fourth Annual Report on Woody Vegetation Survival
for Trees and Shrubs**

Plains Pipeline, L.P.

Daniel Holli, Environmental Scientist

Tree Damage and Replacement Report for order No. PU-05-184

T Martin: (300 shrubs and 10 trees planted)

300 caragana

10 ponderosa pine trees

2006

147 bushes and 0 pine trees were found to survive at this time.

A number of the saplings had been destroyed by cattle.

This corresponds to a survival rate of 47%.

2007

160 caragana and 10 ponderosa pine had been replanted near the right-of-way.

213 bushes and 0 pine trees were found to survive at this time.

This corresponds to a survival rate of 68%.

2008

50 caragana and 10 ponderosa pine had been replanted near the right-of-way.

267 bushes and 7 pine trees were found to survive at this time.

This corresponds to a survival rate of 88%.

Portions of the right-of-way were reseeded and a water diversion structure was rebuilt.

2009

50 caragana and 10 ponderosa pine trees were replanted.

This area was re-evaluated per recommendation of the Public Service Commission.

260 bushes and 8 pine trees were found to survive at this time.

This corresponds to a survival rate of 86%

The reseeded areas are holding and the rebuilt water diversion structure is intact.