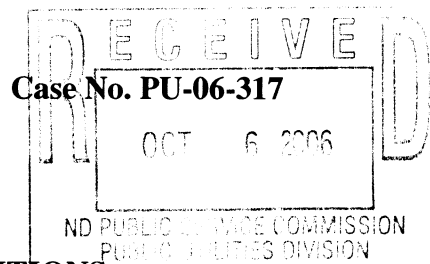


**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota), LLC  
Crude Oil Pumping Stations - McKenzie-  
Williams-Mountrail Counties  
Siting Application**



**REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM PERMIT CONDITIONS**

On August 23, 2006, the Commission issued Second Amended Corridor Certificate No. 40 and Second Amended Route Permit No. 49 granting the authority to upgrade the Alexander Station and the Trenton Station. In addition, the Commission issued Corridor Certificate No. 93 and Route Permit No. 103 to upgrade the Beaver Lodge Station and the Stanley Station. Said Corridor Certificates and Route Permits were issued pursuant to Order also dated August 23, 2006.

Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC (“Enbridge”) desires to begin construction on some but not all of said pumping stations as soon as possible.

That paragraph No. 4 of the Order provides as follows:

Enbridge shall comply with all the rules and regulations of all other agencies having jurisdiction over any phase of the proposed project, and shall obtain all other necessary licenses and permits, and shall provide copies to the Commission prior to any construction.

Pursuant to the paragraph 4 of said Order Enbridge is concerned that it cannot start construction on any of said pumping stations even though the other licenses and permits have been obtained for construction for a particular station, if licenses and permits may be pending for other stations.

NOW, THEREFORE, Enbridge, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code § 49-22-08.1 and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-05-02(3) requests a variance from said permit conditions so that it may begin construction on any of the pumping stations on which it has obtained all other necessary licenses and permits for construction.

Enbridge suggests paragraph No. 4 of said Order be amended to read as follows:

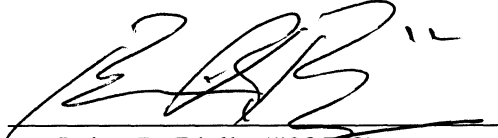
Enbridge shall comply with all the rules and regulations of all other agencies having jurisdiction over any phase of the proposed project, and prior to construction of any particular pumping station, shall obtain all other necessary licenses and permits for construction of that station, and shall provide copies to the Commission prior to construction of each such station.

This is an urgent matter, and Enbridge respectfully requests the Commission to act on this request as soon as possible.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.

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