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MS ILLONA A JEFFCOAT-SACCO
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
600 EAST BOULEVARD, DEPT 408
BISMARCK ND 58505-0480

Re: TransCanada - Keystone Pipeline Project
Case No: PU-06-421
Our File No. 11815

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Enclosed for filing is an original and seven copies of the following document which is being submitted on behalf of TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP as a supplemental attachment to Exhibit B for the April 1, 2008 Testimony of Stephen E. Craycroft in Support of Commission Approval of Keystone's Tree and Shrub Sampling Plan for Native Growth Areas. The attachment is the USDA Forest Service email showing its concurrence with the proposed Tree and Shrub Sampling Plan for Native Growth Areas submitted by Keystone.

This documentation was requested by the Public Service Commission during the informal hearing that was held on Thursday, May 1, 2008.

I am also enclosing a Certificate of Service which indicates that a copy was served on Attorneys Binek and Linderman along with John and Janie Capp. An electronic copy will be submitted to the Public Service Commission separately.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Todd D. Kranda

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Todd Kranda

From: Craycroft, Stephen [scraycroft@ensr.aecom.com]
Sent: Monday, May 05, 2008 2:48 PM
To: Todd Kranda
Subject: FW: ND Native Growth Area Sampling Method
Attachments: ND Forested Area Sampling Plan.doc

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Hansen [mailto:mhansen01@fs.fed.us]
Sent: Monday, May 05, 2008 11:24 AM
To: Craycroft, Stephen
Subject: Re: ND Native Growth Area Sampling Method

Stephen,

I read the Keystone's Tree and Shrub Sampling Plan for Native Growth Areas.

It is technically sound and the sampling design that it outlines should produce an estimate of the per acre number of trees and shrubs that will be cleared in the project.

My only comment is that you might clarify the next to the last sentence in the plan. That sentence now reads "If the area of trees and shrubs actually cleared differs from the area originally calculated, an updated estimate of trees and shrubs will be determined at the end of the project. "

It would be clearer if it was expanded to something like the following to clarify that the updated estimates would be based on the original sample plots and not require any additional sampling, simply an adjustment to the area estimates:

"If the area of trees and shrubs actually cleared (as determined in the construction of the pipeline) differs from the area originally calculated (using the aerial photography in the planning stage), an updated estimate of trees and shrubs will be determined at the end of the project (based on the revised area measurements and the sample based per acre numbers). "

Thank you for the opportunity to review this plan.

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Subject PM
ND Native Growth Area Sampling
Method

Hi Mark:

Attached is Keystone's Tree and Shrub Sampling Plan for estimating the numbers of trees and shrubs that will be cleared from forested (woodlot) areas along the project route.

When we last discussed our sampling approach, we had planned to include windrows and shelterbelts in the sampling area; however, currently we plan to do a 100% inventory of the shelterbelts and tree lines and apply the attached sampling methodology to the forested areas only.

Would you mind reviewing this Plan and providing your concurrence on this inventory approach?

Please feel free to call me with any questions or comments.

Best Regards,

Steve Craycroft
ENSR
Keystone Project Environmental Liaison
816-880-4881 (o)
970-219-0184 (c)(See attached file: ND Forested Area Sampling Plan.doc)