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Executive Secretary Darrell Nitschke:

Attached please find the following items which I would request that you file in the above-referenced case and also circulate to the individual Commissioners with the ND Public Service Commission together with any staff who might be interested in this matter:

1. April 5, 2013 Letter from Robert Latimer of TransCanada regarding the Ft Ransom Pump Station noise issue update; and
2. Affidavit of Service by mail on Attorney Derrick Braaten.

The original letter and affidavit of service are being sent to you by mail today. I assume this correspondence with the update by Mr. Latimer of TransCanada Keystone Pipeline will be presented and available to the Commissioners prior to the upcoming work session on Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

Thanks for your prompt attention to this matter. If you, any of the Commissioners or staff have any questions, please let me know.

Todd D. Kranda

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North Dakota Public Service Commission (ND PSC)
(Sent via email PDF letter)

Re: TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, Fort Ransom Pump Station
11948 – 58th St., Ransom County N.D.
Noise Issue Update, April, 2013

Dear Commissioners:

This communication is intended to summarize TransCanada's actions going forward, from the feedback received at the March 6th ND PSC Informal Hearing in Bismarck, ND, concerning the above noted Fort Ransom Pumping Station (Station).

TransCanada appreciated the opportunity to share our presentation concerning various facility facts, measured operational noise levels and subsequent mitigation steps acted on at this Station over the past year.

As was shared on March 6th, and communicated previously, TransCanada presented evidence that we are operating this Station below, and therefore in compliance with, the permitted criteria for pump station noise.

TransCanada understands that there are still concerns from nearby residents and property owners with occasional noise levels from the Station. We believe that those occasional noise levels are below the permitted criteria.

Based on the feedback and comments received at the March 6th Informal Hearing, TransCanada is reviewing additional possible mitigation measures at the Station.

Our objective is to seek reasonable, practical solutions that make a measureable difference in the sound levels from the Station. This review will involve our internal Regional Operations staff, Engineering, Environmental and an external Acoustical Consultant and will be completed over the next 3 months with an update on possible options by the mid July time period. We will not be pursuing any option to fully enclose the pumping units at this Station.

We will continue to communicate formally with neighbors and nearby agencies in the same fashion as we have previously, at key milestones of this review in seeking possible solution(s).

TransCanada is now executing actions to plant trees outside the fenced perimeter (on 3 sides) of our Station. The work scope for tree planting is noted below:

1. Acquire additional easement area (from existing landowner D. Anderson) outside of Station property boundary to allow planting of trees.
 - a. Now underway as of April 1.
2. Develop options to source trees and contractor to plant trees.
 - a. Now underway.
3. Execute and complete tree planting.
 - a. Outstanding with targeted completion by early June.

TransCanada remains committed to receiving feedback from any party concerned with any aspect of our Station operation and seeking a reasonable resolution to this matter with all parties involved.

Sincerely,



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Area Property Owners / Agencies noted below (hard copies mailed 040813):

- B. Pantzke (neighboring landowner)
- W. Kiebke (neighboring landowner)
- L Hanson (past Township Supervisor)
- K. Bishop (neighboring landowner)
- M. Hammer (neighboring landowner / tenant of land where Station is located)
- D. Anderson (property owner of land where Station is located)
- T. & L. Hanson (neighboring landowners)
- B. Keopplin (Chairperson, Sheyenne River Valley)
- J. Kwapinski (Park Ranger, Fort Ransom State Park)

