

## Sheldon, Scott F.

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### Re: Scope and Status of Tree Planting – Per Written Commitment to ND PSC – Keystone Fort Ransom P.S., Ransom Co. ND

Scott, as we discussed yesterday, I've summarized our tree planting activities below along with relevant pictures of same from the ground.

We are still working towards a mid - July time period to provide a formal update to all parties on written commitments, however as our corporate head office has been totally shut down over the past week (June 21 – June 27), due extensive flooding in Calgary, some key staff involved in our working team have been focused on other priorities.

I'd like to set a target of Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup> for a formal response back to the ND PSC, if that is acceptable.

Status of Tree Planting as of June 28th:

- Additional lands (via a formal easement) were obtained from landowner to facilitate planting trees outside of Station perimeter fencing on 3 sides
- Local landscape service provider was sourced from Valley City area to plant mature spruce trees (approximately 6' in height)
- Planting began early June under direct supervision by TransCanada with bulk of planting completed by 2nd week of June
- Due to wet conditions approximately 10 trees of the 113 remain to be planted on the SE corner, **but as conditions dry out this work will be completed**
- Updates as to tree planting status have been provided several times to Bruce Panzke and Bill and Joe Kiebke to keep them apprised of same

Scott, I have taken several questions from Mr. Kiebke and Mr. Panzke on why there was no tree planting on the north side of the station. I've explained this decision not to plant there was one related to the safety factor of future tree growth interfering with high voltage power lines and respecting set back easement distances that Minkota Power has for their lines.

Pictures of trees planted are noted below:



East side of station looking south



West side of station looking south



South side of station looking north

Regards,

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