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Ms. Ilona Jeffcoat-Sacco
Executive Secretary
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600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
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Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

In re: Letter of Intent
Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership
Alberta Clipper Project
Our File No. 120-28104



Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership ("Enbridge") hereby submits this Letter of Intent, along with ten copies thereof, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code § 49-22-07.1 and North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 69-06-03.

The proposed project, commercially known as the "Alberta Clipper Pipeline Project," consists of approximately 1,000 miles of new 36-inch liquid petroleum pipeline extending from Hardisty, Alberta, Canada to Superior Wisconsin. As proposed, 325 miles will be located in the United States with 28 of those miles, located in Pembina County, North Dakota. The Alberta Clipper Pipeline generally will be constructed within or adjacent to Enbridge's existing mainline system from the U.S.-Canadian border near Neche, North Dakota to Superior, Wisconsin, some having been previously sited by the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission").

Pursuant to North Dakota Century Code § 49-22-07.2 and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-03-01, Enbridge hereby requests that the one-year time frame between filing the Letter of Intent and an application be reduced in order that Enbridge can file its application for a corridor certificate and route permit during the second quarter of 2007. Enbridge respectfully requests the Commission's concurrence with this request by April 15, 2007.

The following information is provided to meet requirements of North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-03-02:

1. A description of the size and type of facility, and the area to be served:

The proposed "Alberta Clipper Pipeline Project" consists of approximately 1,000 miles of 36-inch outer diameter pipeline including all valves and appurtenances. This new line will originate at Enbridge's existing facilities in Hardisty, Alberta, Canada and extend southeasterly to end at Enbridge's existing terminal and tank farm facility in Superior, Wisconsin. Of that total mileage, 325 miles will be located within the U.S. with approximately 28 miles located entirely in Pembina Co., North Dakota. This North Dakota segment begins at the U.S.-Canada boundary near Neche, North Dakota and extends southeast, leaving North Dakota and entering Minnesota approximately 2 miles northeast of Bosemont, North Dakota. As part of this proposed project, Enbridge plans to reconfigure certain station piping at its existing Donaldson and Plummer stations sites in Minnesota. No surface facilities will be located in the State of North Dakota, other than block valves and possible small enclosures to house associated power and control systems, if such valves are capable of remote operation.

The purpose of the Alberta Clipper Pipeline Project is to meet the anticipated demand of refineries in the Midwest, eastern U.S. and Gulf Coast markets by providing 450,000 barrels per day of crude oil capacity from Alberta's oil sands to U.S. midwestern markets and beyond. With supply from western Canada oil sands developments expected to grow by as much as 1.8 million barrels per day by 2015, the industry has asked for more capacity out of the oil sands and into the U.S. Midwest markets. Such request is driven by oil sands producers and refiners that have long development timelines and need assurance that adequate pipeline infrastructure will be put in place in time to serve their projects. For that reason, the Alberta Clipper project has been proposed to shippers to resolve expected capacity constraints and has been slated to be in-service as early as late 2009, after the Enbridge Southern Access¹ program is completed and as crude oil supplies from western Canada continue to increase. Although this project has not yet received full commercial support, all preliminary input from shippers on the need for capacity, as early as Dec. 2009, has supported the costs for Enbridge to embark on initial planning, land acquisition, and permitting activity to facilitate project completion, subject to final terms expected in early-to-mid 2007.

¹ The Southern Access Program is a North American solution to energy reliability and security of crude petroleum supply to US Midwestern markets and beyond via approximately 454 miles of new 42-inch pipeline originating at Enbridge's terminal and tank farm facility in Superior, Wisconsin and extending southeast to end its Flanagan Terminal facility. Enbridge is expanding its underground crude petroleum pipeline system to help address current and future increases in refinery demand, which are expected to coincide with growth in crude oil supplies from western Canada's vast oil sands and production sources in North Dakota and Montana. The overall approach anticipates a staged expansion/extension program to provide incremental capacity to Chicago, southern Illinois and other markets to meet customer demand.

2. A map of the study area for the proposed site or corridor:

See attached map showing the proposed route of the Alberta Clipper Pipeline within the State of North Dakota.

3. Anticipated construction and operation schedule:

Construction is anticipated to commence in the first quarter of 2009, with the pipeline proposed to be operational by the end of fourth quarter of 2009.

4. An estimate of the total cost of construction:

Enbridge estimates the cost of constructing the proposed Alberta Clipper Pipeline within the State of North Dakota is \$ 63.5 million.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions concerning this pipeline project, please contact the undersigned or Claudia Schrull, Manager, Regulatory Pipeline Development for Enbridge, telephone (713) 821-2045.

Very truly yours,



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This information is for environmental review purposes only.

 Proposed Route



Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership
Alberta Clipper Pipeline Project
Project Overview Map

