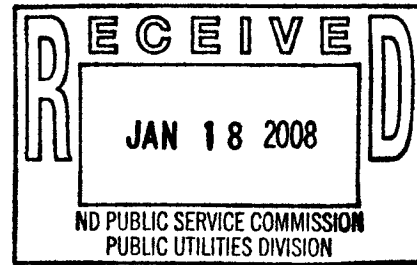


January 18, 2007

ND Public Service Commission
Attn: Mr. Patrick Fahn
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



**Case No. PU-07-596 Belle Fourche Pipeline 8-inch Crude Oil Loop, McKenzie County
Pipeline Field Route Modification Request - State Agency Notification**

As requested at the January 16, 2008 informal meeting, our staff followed up with the 19 of the 22 state agencies for which we had not received confirmation of consideration of the notice listed above. Of these agencies, 18 were contacted and a conversation occurred with a staff member. The email notice resubmitted to 3 agencies at a different email address at the request of their staffs. The Governor Office, at their request, was also provided a fax notice.

A technical staffer for the Parks and Recreation Department has drafted a letter indicating the information they currently had on file identified only one species of plant of concern in an area adjacent to the project. The *Pellaea glabella* (smooth cliffbake) was specifically included in the botany survey and our field team did not find it anywhere in the corridor. Otherwise the project is to take every effort to revegate with native species and restore any disturbed habitat. The draft letter indicates that no State Parks are impacted by the reroute. The documentation is all to be considered "draft" as the individual who is to officially sign such correspondence will not be back into the office until at least noon Friday.

We have documentation of "no concern" for the following agencies which will be provided to you under separate cover.

Aeronautics Commission
Dept of Vocational Education (now Career and Tech Education)
Economic Development Commission
Geological Survey
Highway Department (now ND Department of Transportation)
Human Services
State Historical Society
Land Department
Office of Management & Budget
ND Job Service
State Water Commission

The ND Attorney General's Office staffer confirmed they received the email earlier this week (Tuesday) but should not to conclude any more than the information was received.

We believe our efforts satisfy the expectations outlined at Wednesday's informal meeting and respectfully request the Commission approve the reroute request.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen Spilman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathleen" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Spilman".

Kathleen M. Spilman, PE
Managing Director

cc: Bob Dundas, Belle Fourche Pipeline, w/ enclosures
John Morrison, Fleck, Mather, & Strutz PC, w/ enclosures