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RE: Alex 8" Loop, PU-07-596, Tree/Shrub Mitigation

Dear Mr. Fahn:

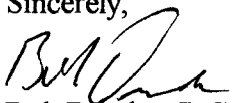
In preparation of tree/shrub replanting's along the subject pipeline right-of-way, Belle Fourche Pipeline Co. (BFPL) contacted each of the landowners requesting their consent to replace trees/shrubs that had been removed/disturbed from their property during the construction phase. A majority of the landowners requested that no trees/shrubs be replanted as replacements on their subject property.

In order to ensure that BFPL complies with the PSC Tree/Shrub mitigation policy, BFPL has identified alternate locations in the same geographic area of the pipeline R.O.W. and intends to plant like numbers and species of trees/shrubs in these general areas. A majority of the trees/shrubs will be located either in Watford City parks/recreation areas, or a bird habitat area near Alexander, ND. Ultimately, BFPL believes this approach of identifying alternative planting locations satisfies the intent of the PSC tree/mitigation policy and will enhance these project areas immensely.

BFPL will also continue to comply with the desires of any project landowner located along the R.O.W. that expressed an interest in having replacement trees/shrubs being planted on their lands.

Upon completion of the project, BFPL will provide PSC with exact numbers, species and location of the plantings. Please feel free to contact me in our Casper Office at (307) 266-0411 should you wish to discuss this matter in greater detail.

Sincerely,



Bob Dundas, P.G.
Environmental Coordinator

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