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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

March 27, 2012

Patrick Fahn
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard
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RE: Alex Loop Tree & Shrub Planting Update (PU-07-596)

Dear Mr. Fahn:

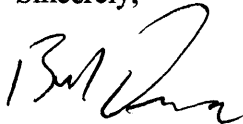
The following is a 2011 update on the tree/shrub planting success in several areas located along the Alex Loop right of way.

The Watford City tree planting project continues to be very successful and establishment of the 74 total ash, elm and cottonwood trees has been a positive addition to the community.

Attached is a summary provided by our planting consultant (Cindy Geiger) describing the results of several 2011 site visits. Additional inspections are planned for late Spring or early Summer 2012 and Fall 2012 to evaluate planting results and to document the success of these planting efforts.

Please feel free to contact me in our Casper Office at (307) 266-0411 or via email at bob.dundas@truecos.com should you wish to discuss this matter in greater detail.

Sincerely,



Bob Dundas, P.G.
Environmental Coordinator

File: BFPL Alex Loop

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On May 18, 2011 we hand planted 170 Colorado Blue Spruce in Section 18-153-102. We also inspected the trees planted in 2010 on Section 30-152-101. The condition, of the shrubs planted in that section, were doing well.

On July 25, 2011 I was in the area of Section 18-153-102 where we planted the Colorado Blue Spruce. Because the trees had adequate moisture and also had the soil plugs on their roots, the tree survival appeared to be close to 100%. I did not reinspect the trees in Section 30-152-101.

The condition of the original area in Section 7-150-101 where we had planted in 2009 is heavily infested with noxious weeds. It was a good area to abandon.

My intention to inspect all 3 areas will be in late May or early June. You can expect a full report and pictures at this time. If you have any questions, just give me a call.

Thank you

Cindy Geiger