

BELLE FOURCHE PIPELINE COMPANY

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August 2, 2013

Patrick Fahn
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Alex Loop Tree & Shrub Planting Update (PU-07-596)

Dear Mr. Fahn:

In order to complete the tree/shrub mitigation associated with the Alex Loop pipeline project, Belle Fourche Pipeline has recently entered into an agreement with the North Dakota Forest Service to plant an additional 100 trees/shrubs in the general proximity of the North Unit of the Little Missouri National Grasslands. As described in the agreement (copy attached), the plantings will be completed in 2014 and the landowners where the trees are planted will make a ten-year commitment to the maintenance of the project. Belle Fourche Pipeline is excited about this partnership and looks forward to completing the project as described in the attached proposal.

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,

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Bob Dundas, P.G.
Environmental Coordinator

File: BFPL Alex Loop



NORTH DAKOTA FOREST SERVICE

"To care for, protect and improve forest and natural resources to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations."

July 23, 2013



Bob Dundas
Belle Fourche Pipeline Company
Environmental Coordinator
P. O. Drawer 2360
Casper, WY 82602

Dear Mr. Dundas,

The North Dakota Forest Service (NDFS) is pleased to assist Belle Fourche Pipeline Company in meeting its mitigation obligation for trees/shrubs lost during the construction of the Alexander Loop 8-inch Crude Oil Pipeline Project Case No. PU-07-596. It is our understanding that 100 trees and/or shrubs have yet to be planted.

NDFS will work with its natural resource partners, and a willing landowner, to select a site suitable for this project, to be planted as a conservation tree planting. The project may be a living snow fence, windbreak, or wildlife planting. Actual tree and shrub species used will be influenced by species suitability, soil characteristics, topography, land-use and the landowner's objectives. However, efforts will be made to utilize the same species removed during the construction of the pipeline (chokecherry, silver buffaloberry, western snowberry, green ash, elm and cottonwood) and locate the project in the general proximity of the North Unit of the Little Missouri National Grasslands if possible. All plant materials used will meet the American Standards for Nursery Stock and will be planted according to NRCS specifications. The landowner will make a ten-year commitment to the maintenance of the project.

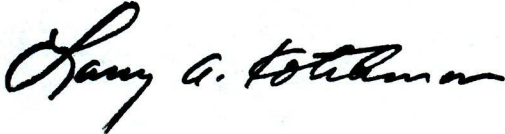
The cost of this effort, including machine planting of the trees and/or shrubs and installation of fabric weed barrier, is \$1,600. This includes an extra 10% for replacement trees to offset mortality, and an additional 10% contribution to the Trees for North Dakota Trust Fund. NDFS will monitor the project to determine if replacement trees are needed, and provide periodic

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reports to Belle Fourche Pipeline Company detailing the progress of this project including actual numbers of trees and shrubs planted, species selected, and the locations of planting.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you need further assistance or information.

Sincerely,

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Larry A. Kotchman
State Forester