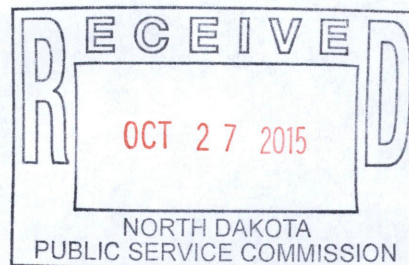


Belle Fourche Pipeline Company  
PO Drawer 2360  
Casper WY 82602

October 23, 2015

Patrick Fahn  
Director Compliance and Competitive Markets  
Public Service Commission – North Dakota  
600 East Boulevard  
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RE: Post Construction Inspections PU-07-596

Belle Fourche offers the following responses to your August 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 letter in regard to the post construction inspection of the above captioned order. The responses correspond in order with the bullets of your letter.

- Compensation for Crop Losses – The timing of construction on this project limited the amount of crop loss experienced by the landowners along the line. Belle Fourche did pay both ROW and damages (includes crop loss) to our landowners. Prior to construction, estimates were made and paid. After construction there were additional payments made where necessary to settle up any discrepancies on losses or actual as built rods of ROW. I have personally reviewed the file and supporting documents, including copies of the checks, to verify that payments were made.
- Environmental Inspection – Our local supervisor Don Clark served as the environmental inspector on the project and could answer any questions in that regard.
- Post construction monitoring – Post construction monitoring is addressed in at least two different manners. First, our employees who are on the ground working the area observe the areas of construction on very regular basis as they go about the other business in and around the ROW. Additionally we conduct aerial patrols on the pipeline at regular intervals of no more than three weeks and typically every two weeks. As the retention of the aerial patrol reports is only 2 years and this request comes more than 7 years after completion we are unable to provide reports from immediately following construction. Attached please find copies of more recent reports showing the ongoing and continuing monitoring of the pipeline.
- Weekly Reports – Unfortunately the weekly construction reports were not retained and Belle Fourche is unable to provide them at this time.
- Pipeline was designed constructed and operates according to Part 195 standards – Belle Fourche built the pipeline to the specification and standards outlined in Part 195 as well as several other standards and operates under the watchful eye of PHMSA. While there are no records showing PHMSA inspected the actual construction of the pipeline it was most recently inspected by PHMSA for compliance during 2014 and no violations were noted. The weeks of those inspections were the weeks of July 14<sup>th</sup> and the week of July

23<sup>rd</sup> during which the records associated with the pipeline were reviewed and the week of September 15<sup>th</sup> when a field inspection of the ROW and facilities was performed.

- Depth of cover of pipelines – No specific documentation was created showing depth of cover over pipelines. Belle Fourche construction standards specify depth of cover requirements and inspection of construction is performed to ensure compliance with those standards. More recently Belle Fourche has added a line item to our daily inspection reports (copy attached) that will verify depth of cover on a daily basis.
- Threatened or endangered Species, Bald and Golden Eagles – None were observed during construction.
- Cultural Archeological and Historical resources – None were discovered during construction
- Cleanup and reclamation – As noted on the weekly reports submitted to the PSC, cleanup was lagging just slightly behind tie-ins etc. Reclamation was not completed until weather allowed in the spring. In regards to the location of specific interest we will provide some additional information and pictures in the next 30 days
- As-built drawings – These were sent to the PSC on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and were received by the PSC on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Please see PSC files on the project at docket #68.

I believe that Bob Dundas has been in contact with you in regards to the tree mitigation and replacement on the project and he will continue to be the best contact for that aspect. With the one exception on the clean-up and reclamation I believe this satisfies the questions in regard to the above captioned project.

Feel free to contact me directly at 307-266-0275, if you need any further information or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Ken Dockweiler  
Director Land Government and Compliance

Attachments: 2

CC: Bob Dundas  
Hank True  
Tad True  
Manuel Lojo



PIPELINE COMPANY LP  
**LINE PATROL AND LEAK SURVEY REPORT**

Company: Ball Foursak Region: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Area: NW No. Dak. Date: 5-11-14  
 Pipeline, Field, or Plant: \_\_\_\_\_ Index No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Section Patrolled: \_\_\_\_\_  
 From: Bicentennial To: Albion Sta.

**LOCATIONS AND CONDITIONS**

| Station                  |                    | Class Location | Leaks       | Washes      | Crossings or Exposed Pipe | Leak Detection Method* | Odorized | Power Lines | Markers and Signs | Patrolled By |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| From:                    | To:                |                |             |             |                           |                        |          |             |                   |              |
| <u>Bicentennial Sta.</u> | <u>Albion Sta.</u> |                | <u>None</u> | <u>None</u> | <u>None</u>               | <u>Aircraft</u>        |          |             |                   | <u>Boyd</u>  |
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Location of New Construction Near Pipeline: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Types of Construction: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miscellaneous: \_\_\_\_\_

Checked Oil Line from Bicentennial Station North to the Albion Station and  
and all laterals connected.  
Condition Good  
Flite Time 2.6 hrs.

NOTE: Always give exact locations. If no leaks or washes, report "None". If condition is bad, give location and state why. If condition is good, state "Good". Use Miscellaneous or back of page to describe unusual conditions.

\*LEAK DETECTION METHOD

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. Flame Ionization  | 3. Infrared |
| 2. Combustible Meter | 4. Other    |

SIGNED: Boyd Trester

