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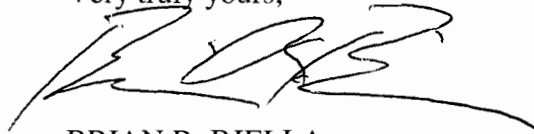
Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

In re: Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC - Reroute of
Approximately 2100 Feet of Eight-Inch Crude Oil
Pipeline in Williams County, North Dakota
Consolidated Letter of Intent and Application
For Waiver of Procedures and Time Schedules
And for an Amended Route Permit

Enclosed for filing are original and ten copies of Consolidated Letter of Intent and Application of Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC for Waiver of Procedures and Time Schedules and for an Amended Route Permit.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please advise.

Very truly yours,



BRIAN R. BJELLA

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Enc.

cc: Williams County Auditor

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF ENBRIDGE
PIPELINES (NORTH DAKOTA) LLC
FOR THE REROUTE OF
APPROXIMATELY 2100 FEET OF
EIGHT-INCH CRUDE OIL PIPELINE IN
WILLIAMS COUNTY, NORTH
DAKOTA.

CASE NO. PU-07-600

**CONSOLIDATED LETTER OF INTENT
AND APPLICATION OF ENBRIDGE PIPELINES
(NORTH DAKOTA) LLC FOR WAIVER
OF PROCEDURES AND TIME SCHEDULES AND FOR AN
AMENDED ROUTE PERMIT**

Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC (“Enbridge”) whose address is Minot, North Dakota, pursuant to the Energy Conversation and Transmission Facility Siting Act, codified at North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22 (“Act”), hereby submits this Consolidated Letter of Intent and Application for Waiver of Procedures and Time Schedules and for an Amended Route Permit (“Application”) requesting the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) (1) waive the separate filing of the Letter of Intent and the one-year time period provided for in § 69-06-03-01, North Dakota Administration Code, for the filing of an application; (2) waive, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code §§ 49-22-07.2, 49-22-13(2), and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-01-02(3) and Chapter 69-06-06, provisions of North Dakota Century Code §§ 49-22-08(5), 49-22-08.1(5), 49-22-13 and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-01-02 which require separate filings of such applications, hearings on such applications and certain time schedules as set forth in said statutes and rules; (3) not hold a

public hearing on this application, but pursuant to North Dakota Century Code § 49-22-13(2) and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-01-02(3), publish a notice of opportunity for hearing as provided therein; (4) find that the proposed facility is of such length, design, location and purpose that it will produce minimal adverse affects; (5) that pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code § 49-22-13(4), provide in the notice of opportunity for hearing that any request for hearing be made in not more than 10 days; and (6) designate and approve the amended route as identified in the map included with this Application and issue the appropriate amended route permit.

The Commission's Application Guidelines for Waiver of Procedures and Time Schedules requires a description of the facility, the need for the facility, the cost of the facility and separate justification for each provision of the Act for which the Applicant is requesting a waiver, together with evidence that the project will produce minimal adverse effects or that a demonstrable emergency exists. As demonstrated in this Application, and summarized below, Enbridge's requests for waiver of procedures and time schedules and the issuance of an amended route permit are justified as the proposed pipeline is of such design, location and purpose that it will produce minimal adverse effects, and that the location of the existing pipeline in a schoolyard and the presence of a construction crew in the vicinity of the project necessitates immediate construction.

DESCRIPTION

By Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, dated October 11, 1983, the Commission granted the authority to Portal Pipeline Company to construct and operate an eight-inch, 65-mile crude oil pipeline in Williams and McKenzie Counties, North Dakota. In

conjunction therewith the Commission issued Corridor Certificate No. 40 and Route Permit No. 49, each dated October 11, 1983.

Enbridge has succeeded to the interest of Portal Pipeline Company as evidenced by Certificate of Amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation, dated October 13, 1998, and Certificate of Conversion, dated April 23, 2001, filed of record in the office of the County Recorder of Williams County, North Dakota, on September 18, 2001, as Doc. No. 597880, changing the name of Portal Pipeline Company to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota), LLC.

One of the easements obtained for the pipeline is dated October 13, 1983, and was recorded in the office of the Williams County Recorder on November 2, 1983, as Doc. No. 456403, from the Board of University and School Lands of the State of North Dakota, allowing the pipeline to be constructed across the S½ of Section 36, Township 156 North, Range 101 West, Williams County, North Dakota.

The eight-inch pipeline was then constructed through said lands as owned by the State of North Dakota pursuant to the aforementioned easement.

Some time thereafter, a school known as the Garden Valley Elementary School, but titled as New Public School District #8, was constructed within the S½ of said Section 36. It appears that the school did not check the title as it would have discovered the pipeline easement. The playground for the school was constructed over the eight-inch pipeline. Clearly, the legal rights of Enbridge are superior to the rights of the school.

The proposed 8-inch outside diameter pipeline will be rerouted from its present location as identified in the map attached as Exhibit A in order to go outside of the schoolyard of the Garden Valley Elementary School.

The location of this eight-inch pipeline through the schoolyard was discussed in detail by the Commission at the hearing held August 28, 2006, in Williston, North Dakota, in Case No. PU-06-330. In paragraph 18 of the Findings of Fact, the Commission stated that “Enbridge testified that it has agreed to relocate a segment of the existing eight-inch pipeline which currently crosses through the Garden Valley Elementary School ground. The segment would be relocated approximately 350 feet north of the school, outside of the school yard. An application for the pipe relocation will be filed with the Commission.” This application constitutes Enbridge’s request for reroute of this eight-inch pipeline. Attached hereto is Exhibit A is Scope of Work of Proposed Relocation and also the map depicting the reroute.

Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a letter dated August 6, 2007, from Enbridge’s environmental consultant who testified at the hearing in Case No. PU-06-330. The consultant indicates that there are no exclusion areas and that the only relevant avoidance area is the school itself. He further notes that as the eight-inch pipeline is proposed to be placed adjacent to the new ten-inch pipeline currently being constructed, that the area of pipeline construction has been thoroughly studied from cultural resources and none were found; as approved by the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office.

NEED

As previously stated, it is necessary for Enbridge to reroute this portion of the existing eight-inch pipeline due to the fact that the school was constructed within said Section 36 and the school playground actually located over the pipeline. As a result, the eight-inch pipeline must be rerouted for the purpose of pipeline risk management and safety of the student body and staff. Further, Enbridge’s construction contractor is currently in the vicinity of the Garden Valley

Elementary School constructing the ten-inch pipeline approved in Case No. PU-06-330. Thus, Enbridge requests that this Application be approved as soon as possible and that the waivers of procedures and time schedules as set forth above be granted so that the construction of this pipeline be coordinated and commenced as soon as possible, and to minimize disturbance to the land.

COSTS

The estimated cost of this pipeline reroute is approximately \$500,000.00.

JUSTIFICATION

In Case No. PU-06-330 the area of proposed pipeline reroute was thoroughly studied for cultural resources and none were found. Further, the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office has approved construction of the pipeline in the location as proposed in this Application. There are no exclusion areas and the only avoidance area is the school itself. Enbridge is in the process of obtaining an agreement from the school board of the New Public School District #8 approving this reroute and reconstruction of this eight-inch pipeline.

For the foregoing reasons, Enbridge submits that there is substantial justification for the waivers of the requested procedures and time schedules as this pipeline facility will produce minimal adverse affects.

Enbridge respectfully requests the Commission to render an expeditious decision approving the amended route permit.



August 6, 2007

sent via e-mail

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RE: Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC
Garden Valley Elementary School Line Relocation
Environmental Analysis

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

The purpose of this letter is to provide an environmental analysis of Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC ("Enbridge") proposed pipeline relocation project at Garden Valley Elementary School. It is my understanding that the school board for the elementary school requested that Enbridge abandon its existing pipeline on school property on the south side of the school, and replace it with a new pipeline on school property on the north side of the school. The existing pipeline is located under the school playground, and the new pipeline would be located outside the fenced boundaries of the school. Prior to abandoning the pipeline, the inside of the pipe would be cleaned and filled with grout. Drawings illustrating the existing and proposed pipeline have been provided by Rooney Engineering, Inc.

The environmental analysis in this letter includes an evaluation of North Dakota Public Service Commission ("PSC") exclusion areas, avoidance areas, selection criteria, and policy criteria. The study area was limited to the certificated corridor for the existing pipeline in the vicinity of the school. This study area should be sufficient to allow the Commission to evaluate the factors addressed in Chapter 49-22-09 of the North Dakota Century Code.

The study area and proposed route are within the same area evaluated for the Trenton to Beaver Lodge Line Loop presently under construction (case number PU-06-330). Cultural resource surveys were conducted as part of the looping project. No cultural resource sites were identified in the area of the school during those surveys. Endangered species consultations were also conducted as part of the looping project. The consultations determined that endangered species are not known to frequent the area and no critical habitat currently exists in the project area.

Exclusion Areas

Exclusion areas are areas excluded by the PSC in the consideration of a route for a transmission facility. Exclusion areas include, among other things: national and state parks; national and state historic sites; nature preserves; and recreational areas. A

review of the project did not identify any exclusion areas within the study corridor or along the proposed route.

Avoidance Areas

Avoidance areas are areas that are not considered by the PSC in the routing of a transmission facility unless there is no reasonable alternative. Avoidance areas include, among other things: national and state forests; national and state wildlife areas; state management areas; geologically unstable areas; and areas within 500 feet of a residence, school, or place of business. A review of the project identified three avoidance areas within the study corridor and two avoidance areas along the proposed route.

State Management Areas – The study corridor and proposed route fall within a state management area designated for school trust land. The school trust land is occupied, in part, by Garden Valley Elementary School. The proposed project would involve abandoning the existing pipeline under the school playground and installing a new pipeline outside the fenced boundaries of the school. The project is being proposed at the request of the school board and would presumably represent an improved use of school trust land.

Geologically Unstable Areas – Landslides pose a potential risk in certain parts of the study corridor. Most landslides occur on steep slopes adjacent to streams and rivers, including areas along the north edge of the study corridor at Cow Creek. Although landslides have occurred in the study area, the proposed pipeline route is located away from the steep slopes and is not prone to landslides.

Within 500 Feet of a School – The study corridor and proposed route fall within 500 feet of the Garden Valley Elementary School. The pipeline cannot be relocated more than 500 feet from the school without being routed through geological unstable areas. The proposed route represents the best location for the pipeline on the property.

Selection Criteria

Selection criteria are those environmental resources on which the project must have an acceptable minimum amount of impact, as determined by the Commission. The two selection criteria within the study corridor and along the proposed route include: noise sensitive areas and health and human safety.

Noise Sensitive Areas – Garden Valley Elementary School represents a noise sensitive area within the study corridor and near the proposed route. While operation of the pipeline would not result in noise, construction would. Enbridge is planning to complete the work this summer before the school year has started, thereby eliminating construction noise impacts on the school. However, it is possible that construction could not be completed until later in the summer after school has commenced. If school is in session during construction, Enbridge would meet with school administrators to inform them of the project and coordinate construction such that noise impacts would be reduced or eliminated.

Human Health and Safety – Pipelines are the safest, most reliable manner of transporting crude oil. Transporting large volumes of crude oil over long distances by pipeline is safer than by truck, railcar, or barge. Despite its excellent safety record, the transportation of crude oil by pipeline involves some risk to the public. The most obvious risk is the potential for fire in the event of an accidental release. Toxic exposure through skin contact, ingestion, or vapor inhalation is also a risk if there is a release.

The study corridor and proposed route are near Garden Valley Elementary School. The proposed project would involve abandoning the existing pipeline from under the school playground and installing a new pipeline in a safer location outside the fenced boundaries of the school. Before the pipeline is abandoned, the inside of the pipe would be cleaned and filled with grout. Enbridge is planning to complete the pipeline relocation this summer before the school year has started, thereby eliminating safety concerns associated with construction. However, it is possible that construction could not be completed until later in the summer after school has commenced. If school is in session during construction, Enbridge would meet with school administrators to inform them of the project and associated potential hazards; install a temporary fence and warning signs between the school and work area during construction; implement a safety watch on school days during active construction; and control dust by watering the construction work area near the school where dust is creating a nuisance.

Policy Criteria

Policy criteria are those factors which are positively affected by the project that may lead the Commission to give preference to an applicant. Enbridge is undertaking the proposed pipeline project at the request of the school board whose intention is to improve safety of the school and reduce risk to the public.

Sincerely,

Merjent, Inc.


John Muehlhausen

cc: Kris Benson; Enbridge Energy
Brian Bjella; Fleck, Mather & Strutz, Ltd.

Enbridge Pipelines North Dakota, LLC Trenton to Beaver Lodge 8" Pipeline

Re-Route around Garden Valley School Scope of Work

The work to be completed includes re-routing a portion of Enbridge's existing 8" Crude Oil pipeline around the Garden Valley School property and abandoning the section of pipe that currently runs directly through the school yard on the south side of their property. The existing pipe will be replaced in kind and all work shall conform to CFR 49 Part 195, Transportation of Hazardous Liquids by Pipeline, and Enbridge Pipeline Construction Specifications.

The Pipe Characteristics are as follows:

Existing Pipe

Type: API 5L Steel Line Pipe

Outside Diameter: 8.625 inches

Wall thickness: 0.156 inches

Grade: 52,000 PSIG

Pipe Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP): 1354 PSIG

Corrosion Coating: Extruded Polyethylene Coating

Replacement Pipe

Type: API 5L PS2 Steel Line Pipe

Outside Diameter: 8.625 inches

Wall thickness: 0.156 inches *

Grade: 52,000 PSIG

Pipe Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP): 1354 PSIG*

Corrosion Coating: Fusion Bond Epoxy Coating (14-18 mils)

*The replacement line pipe will have a wall thickness at least as thick as the original pipe. Its MAOP may be higher depending on the actual pipe purchased. In any case the MAOP of the new pipe will exceed the existing pipeline's Maximum Operating Pressure (MOP) of 1204 PSIG.

8" Re-Route

The 8" re-route will include laying new pipe around Garden Valley School, hydrostatically testing it with water, and then connecting it by welding to the existing 8" pipeline on both ends of the re-route. The new 8" pipe will be installed with 4 ft of cover in an alignment around the school property, paralleling the new 10" pipeline (20' offset to the south) as shown in the attached drawing. The re-route will consist of approximately 2100' of new 8".

Abandonment of Existing 8" Pipe

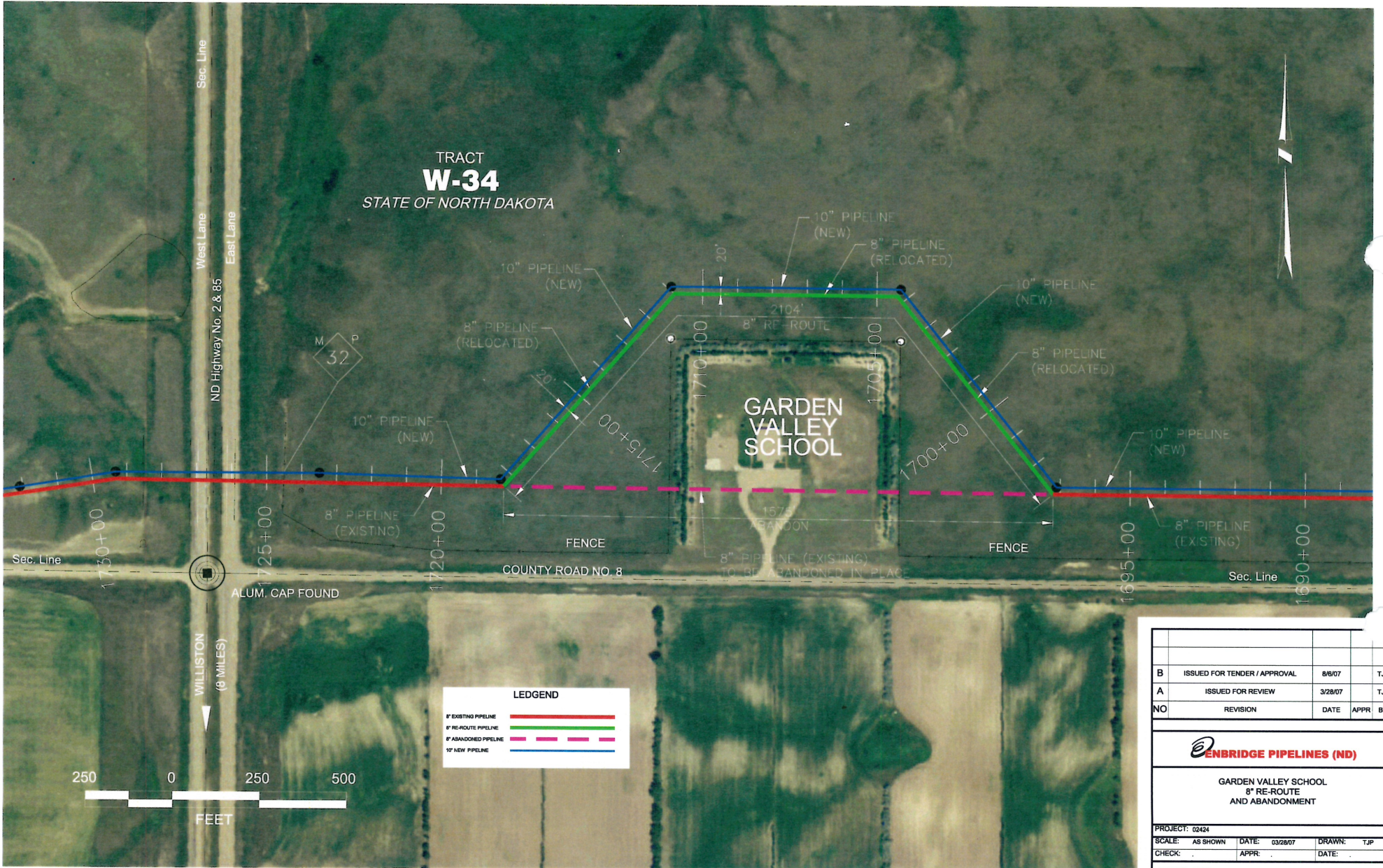
Approximately 1600' of pipe will be abandoned as a follow-up to the re-route. A major portion of this runs across the Garden Valley School property. The plan for abandonment will consist of the following steps:

1. Swabbing the abandoned piece of pipeline with pigs to ensure all liquids have been removed by pushing a pig or pigs thru the line.
2. Install end caps on the abandoned piece of pipeline with injection taps.
3. Fill the abandoned pipe section with a concrete mix using a portable concrete grout pump (Multiple concrete injection locations may be necessary in order to completely fill the pipe section). Once the concrete has setup any open ends or taps on the pipe will be capped or plugged.
4. Backfill the exposed pipeline.

Schedule

The estimated timeframe to complete this work will be Fall 2007.

TRACT
W-34
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA



LEGEND

8" EXISTING PIPELINE	
8" RE-ROUTE PIPELINE	
8" ABANDONED PIPELINE	
10" NEW PIPELINE	



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ENBRIDGE PIPELINES (ND)

GARDEN VALLEY SCHOOL
8" RE-ROUTE
AND ABANDONMENT

PROJECT: 02424

SCALE: AS SHOWN	DATE: 03/28/07	DRAWN: TJP
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