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Ken Vesterso, President
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Re: July 14 letter regarding NuStar Pipeline

Dear Mr. Vesterso,

Thank you for writing to the Public Service Commission regarding the NuStar pipeline (case 08-194).

Your letter has been placed in the public input file in the case.

It is important to note that because this is a formal case before the commission, both written and verbal comments submitted to the commission, including comments made at public input sessions, are not part of the formal evidentiary record on which the decision must be based. However, the comments that are not part of the formal record may form the basis for investigation and testimony that becomes part of the formal record. Comments become part of the formal record when they are made or submitted at a formal or technical hearing, where they must be made under oath and subject to cross-examination.

The deadline to comment or request a hearing in this case was June 27, 2008.

Although the deadline for requesting a hearing and commenting has passed, you may still have an opportunity to participate in the case. The City of Fargo has asked to become an intervener, and has requested a hearing. NuStar will be responding to the City of Fargo's request by July 31. After NuStar responds to the request, the commission will make a decision on the City of Fargo's request. If a hearing is granted, you can testify at it and also, if you want to intervene, you may file a request to intervene at least 10 days prior to the hearing. We will send you a copy of the notice of hearing, if a hearing is granted. You can also follow the case by looking at the commission's agendas on our website at www.psc.state.nd.us. You can get copies of our agendas via e-mail if you contact the commission and submit an e-mail address.

I am attaching some documents that will provide you with information about the case and how you can proceed. The documents include the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and a brochure on how to participate in a major case. Please contact me or anyone at the commission if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Rafferty". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Tom Rafferty
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