

MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioners and Darrell Nitschke

From: Patrick Fahn

Date: June 25, 2009

Subject: Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation; Case No. PU-08-844:
Pre-construction Conference

In Case No. PU-08-844 the Commission ordered that a conference be held prior to construction of Whiting's 17-mile, eight-inch crude oil pipeline from a storage site near its Robinson Lake Gas Processing Plant to an existing Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC facility southeast of the town of Stanley, all in Mountrail County. The order required that the conference include a Whiting representative, its construction supervisor, and Commission staff to insure Whiting fully understands the conditions set forth in the order.

On June 23, 2009 a pre-construction conference was held (by conference call). In attendance were Brent Miller (Northern Rockies Operations Manager with Whiting Petroleum), Steve Meagher (Construction Superintendent, with Whiting), Bill Regan (environmental consultant with Merjent, providing consulting services for Whiting), and myself.

The conference included a review of the order's findings of fact and ordering clauses, the penalty provisions of NDCC § 49-22-21, and a question and answer session.