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Pursuant to ordering clause #5 of the Commission's February 25, 2009 Order Granting Corridor Certificate and Route Permit in Case No. PU-08-844, please consider this e-mail to be staff approval of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation's June 30, 2009 request for route and facility changes for the 8-inch crude oil pipeline.

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On June 30, 2009, Whiting filed a request for route and facility changes for the 8-inch crude oil pipeline authorized by Case No. PU-08-844 (see docket #36 in the case file).

Whiting proposes (1) to shift the route slightly to the east at the beginning of the route at Whiting's processing plant, (2) to shift the route slightly to the south to reposition the pipeline approaches at the Little Knife River to create a more perpendicular horizontal directional drill crossing of the river, (3) to install a block valve assembly on the route near mile post 16.8, (4) to install a block valve near mile post 0 within the property boundaries of the existing Whiting processing plant, (5) to install a block valve near mile post 17.8 within the property boundaries of the existing Enbridge Stanley Pumping Station, (6) to not install block valves at mile posts 6.2 and 11.4 as initially proposed. Whiting also informs the Commission that horizontal directional drilling will be performed at 4 additional locations that are now wet due to the unusual wet weather conditions this year.

Whiting intends to begin construction on July 7, 2009.

Unless I hear of any concerns, I plan to issue staff approval by the end of today in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Commission's Order issuing the site certificate and route permit.

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