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To: Nitschke, Darrell D.
Subject: Ex Parte Communication in case # PU-08-871

Darrell – Please see that this is docketed in Case # PU-08-871. Thank you.

On Thursday night, December 11, at a Boy Scout Christmas Party, Ron Ness talked to me for a few minutes about issues related to Case # PU-08-871. Ron Ness is President of the North Dakota Petroleum Council. Ron shared with me that he is concerned about the amount of natural gas that will be flared if the Commission determines that siting is necessary in this case. I asked him if he had any concerns that the Natural Gas Processing Plants in North Dakota used by Pecan Pipeline were being changed so that they would not be producing natural gas that would be able to be used by North Dakota users. (Natural gas produced by Pecan Pipeline will be shipped to Chicago and made available to end use customers there.) He responded that many of our natural resources leave the state in forms that cannot be used by end use customers, and that this would now also be the case for Pecan Pipeline natural gas.

The North Dakota Petroleum Council is not a party in this case, but a member of their association may be a party in this case.

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