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Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

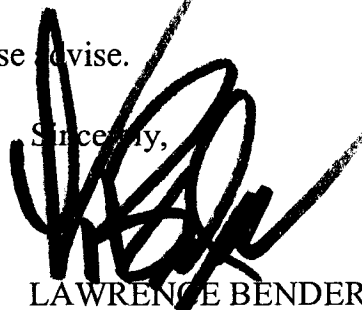
**RE: Hawthorn Oil Transportation  
(North Dakota), Inc.  
Case No. PU-09-153**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed herewith for filing an original and ten copies of the CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING OF HAWTHORN OIL TRANSPORTATION (NORTH DAKOTA), INC. Also enclosed herewith is a disk containing the same.

Should you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,



LAWRENCE BENDER

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Enclosure

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Copy of Certificate of Good Standing

Hawthorn Oil Transportation (North Dakota), Inc.

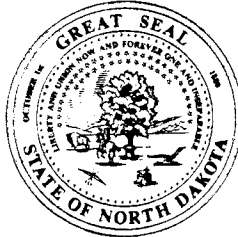
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## SECRETARY OF STATE



### CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING OF

HAWTHORN OIL TRANSPORTATION (NORTH DAKOTA), INC.

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that HAWTHORN OIL TRANSPORTATION (NORTH DAKOTA), INC. , a Delaware corporation, authorized to transact business in the State of North Dakota on March 5, 2009, and according to the records of this office as of this date, has paid all fees due this office as required by North Dakota statutes governing foreign corporations.

**ACCORDINGLY** the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Good Standing to

HAWTHORN OIL TRANSPORTATION (NORTH DAKOTA), INC.

Issued: October 21, 2009

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alvin A. Jaeger".

Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State