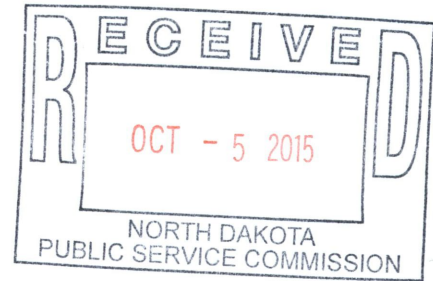


October 5, 2015

VIA E-MAIL & HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Patrick Fahn
Director Compliance/Competitive Markets
North Dakota Public Service Commission
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RE: Hawthorn Oil Transportation (North Dakota), Inc. - Case No. PU-09-153

Dear Mr. Fahn:

The undersigned, on behalf of Hawthorn Oil Transportation (North Dakota), Inc. ("Hawthorn"), is in receipt of your August 28, 2015 letter requesting information in connection with the above-captioned matter. Specifically, the letter requests evidence of compliance with the Order issued by the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") on December 10, 2009, for the pipeline located in Mountrail County (the "Project"), and the post construction inspection performed in connection therewith.

In accordance with the Order, the post construction inspection report required the following be provided to the Commission:

- Documentation of re-vegetation surveys and noxious weed surveys to complete Order Point 6.
- Report of Tree & Shrub replacement survival monitoring to complete Order Point 16.

After conferring with Hawthorn, it was determined that no trees or shrubs were located within the right-of-way that required removal in connection with the Project. Accordingly, no documentation of re-vegetation surveys and noxious weed surveys or a report of tree and shrub replacement survival monitoring were completed for the Project.

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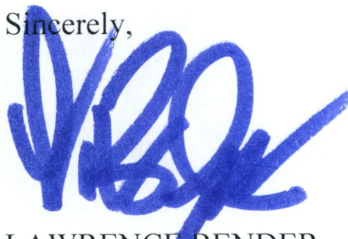
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If you should have any questions regarding the above or desire additional information, please advise.

Sincerely,



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cc: Cary Loughman (*via e-mail*)

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