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**From:** Fahn, Patrick J.  
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**Subject:** Participating in 2010 Suspension

The State of North Dakota, North Dakota Public Service Commission, affirms that it will participate in the suspension of the 3-year maintenance requirement for State pipeline safety programs created by Federal statute at 49 USC § 60107(b). This response is for pipeline safety program expenses for the 2010 calendar year.

As a condition to the suspension of requirement that North Dakota maintain funding levels at the previous 3-year average, the Commission agrees that any and all State funding displaced as a result of the suspension will be dedicated to the pipeline safety program for one or more of the activities listed in your document entitled State Base Grant — Conditions for Suspension of 49 USC § 60107(b) Requirement. More specifically, funding displaced will be used to maintain staff knowledge, skills, and abilities through necessary training or developing the damage prevention program.

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