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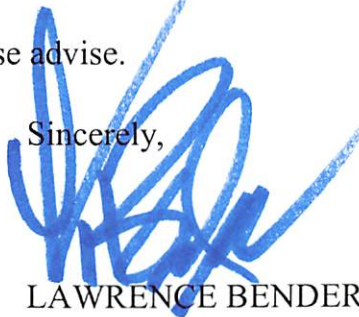
**RE: Hawthorn Oil Transportation
(North Dakota), Inc.
Case No. PU-09-153**

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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Certificate of Good Standing

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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 black ink, reading "Alvin A. Jaeger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "g".

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State