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RE: Case No. PU-09-750, Bridger Pipeline LLC
Crude Oil Pipeline – McKenzie, Dunn, Billings
Siting Application

Dear Mr. Morrison,

Public Service Commission Staff requests the following information regarding the application of Bridger Pipeline LLC for a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit to construct and operate a new 77-mile, 12-inch crude oil pipeline in Billings, Dunn, and McKenzie Counties, North Dakota.

1. In its Corridor Application at page 16, paragraph f, the application states that "Bridger Pipeline LLC is not currently required to file a 10-year Plan with the North Dakota Public Service Commission." Please explain why Bridger believes it is not required to file a 10-year Plan.
2. In its Corridor Application at page 17, section D.1, the application states that "As requested in Bridger's Letter of Intent accepted on January 27, 2010, the Public Service Commission waived the requirement that a study corridor width equal to ten percent of the length of the pipeline be studied and instead allowed a one-mile corridor, subject to deviations imposed by any exclusion or avoidance area or other selection criteria." On page 6, Section B of the application it states: "As approved by the Commission on January 27, 2010, the Project is performing its utility site studies using a 1-mile wide corridor"

The Commission's January 27, 2010 motion concerning Bridger's Letter of Intent, states: "I move that the Commission acknowledge the Letter of Intent, shorten the one year waiting period between filing a letter of intent and a siting application to thirty days, and assess a filing fee of \$100,000 in Case No. PU-09-750 ..." Please explain why Bridger believes the Commission allowed a one-mile corridor for this application.

3. In its Route Permit Application at page 11, section B.2.h, the siting factor discussed is: existing plans of the state, local government, and private entities for other developments at or in the vicinity of the proposed site, corridor, or route. The application states that Bridger is not aware of other crude oil transportation development by state, local or governmental entities at or in the vicinity of the Project corridor. Please discuss whether there are any existing plans for any kind of development (other than crude oil transportation development) by state, local or governmental entities in the vicinity of the Project corridor.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Best regards

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