

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF BRIDGER PIPELINE
LLC FOR A CORRIDOR CERTIFICATE
AND ROUTE PERMIT FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATE 77
MILES OF TWELVE-INCH PIPELINE
AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES IN
DUNN, BILLINGS AND MCKENZIE
COUNTIES, NORTH DAKOTA.

CASE NO. PU-09-750

**Consolidated Application of Bridger Pipeline LLC
for Waiver or Reduction of Procedures and Time Schedules and
for a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit**

Bridger Pipeline LLC (“Applicant”) whose address for purposes of this application is 455 North Poplar Street, Casper, Wyoming 82601, pursuant to the Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act codified at North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22 (“Act”), hereby submits this Consolidated Application for Waiver or Reduction of Procedures and Time Schedules for a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit (“Application”).

Applicant requests that the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) waive and/or reduce the procedures and time schedules required by the Act or in the Commission’s regulations set forth in Title 69-06 of the North Dakota Administration Code, to accomplish the purposes as requested herein. These include, but are not limited to: (1) waive, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code §§ 49-22-07.2, 49-22-13(2), and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-01-02(3) and Chapter 69-06-06, provisions of North Dakota Century Code §§ 49-22-08(5), 49-22-08.1(5), 49-22-13 and North Dakota Administrative Code §

69-06-01-02 which require separate filings of such applications, separate notices of such applications, separate hearings on such applications and certain time schedules as set forth in said statutes and rules; (2) approve a one-mile wide corridor rather than a 6 mile wide corridor pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-04-02(1)(b); (3) hold one expedited and consolidated public hearing on this Application; (4) find that the proposed facilities are of such design, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects; and (5) approve the requested facilities as identified in this Application, and issue the appropriate corridor certificate and route permit.

The Commission's Application Guidelines for Waiver of Procedures and Time Schedules require a description of the facility, the need for the facility, the cost of the facility and separate justification for each provision of the Act for which the Applicant is requesting a waiver, together with evidence that the project will produce minimal adverse effects or that a demonstrable emergency exists. As demonstrated in this Application, and summarized below, Applicant's requests for waivers or reduction of procedures and time schedules and the issuance of a corridor certificate and route permit are justified as the proposed facilities are of such design, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects, and that the urgent demand for additional pipeline capacity to deliver petroleum to markets in the United States and Canada requires construction at an early date.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed project consists of approximately 77 miles of new 12-inch liquid petroleum pipeline extending from just north of ND Highway 23 in McKenzie County, North Dakota to Skunk Hill Junction in Billings County. The northern half of the pipeline will parallel an

existing 14-inch carbon dioxide pipeline.

NEED

The purpose of the project is to allow the transportation of additional volumes of crude oil produced principally from the Bakken and Three Forks formations in McKenzie, Dunn and Mountrail Counties, North Dakota and Fallon County, Montana to (1) Guernsey, Wyoming via Bridger's existing Little Missouri and Heart River systems and the Butte pipeline system; (2) Enbridge pipeline for delivery to Clearbrook, Minnesota via Belle Fourche Pipeline Company's connection at Alexander; and (3) Tesoro High Plains Pipeline via Belle Fourche's existing connection at Treetop. Pipeline capacity in Western North Dakota is constrained because of high levels of drilling activity resulting from unprecedented success in drilling in the Bakken oil formation. Oil production in North Dakota nearly doubled between 2006 and 2009, and is estimated to reach as high as 400,000 barrels per day by mid-2011. This project will deliver an additional 60,000 barrels per day to any of the three principal crude oil markets for North Dakota-produced crude oil. It will reduce the need for truck transportation and minimize crude oil pricing differentials.

Granting the requested waivers will allow the pipeline route to be approved in early fall of 2010, with construction commencing in the third quarter of 2010 and an estimated in-service date on or before February 15, 2011. By reducing truck transportation, minimizing price discounts, and providing maximum markets for North Dakota crude oil, the earliest possible in-service date for the project will benefit all stakeholders.

COST

The estimated cost of constructing the proposed 12-inch liquid petroleum pipeline is

\$29,000,000.00.

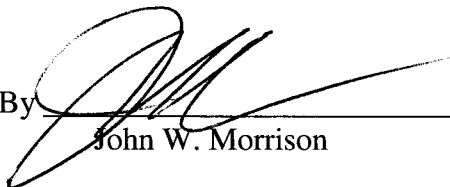
JUSTIFICATION

As indicated above, the proposed 12-inch line will parallel an existing carbon dioxide pipeline for approximately one-half of its length. As a result, the land upon which a substantial portion of the pipeline will be constructed has previously been disturbed and minimal, if any, new impacts will occur. The remainder of the pipeline follows the most direct route to the Skunk Hill Station. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant hereby submits there is substantial justification for the requested waivers and/or reduction of time schedules and procedures, as the project will produce minimal adverse effects.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission grant the requested waivers and/or reductions of procedures and time schedules and render an expeditious decision approving the requested corridor certificate and route permit.

Dated this 21 day of July, 2010.

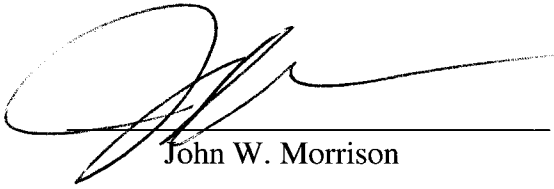
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John W. Morrison

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA))
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH))

John W. Morrison, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that he is the attorney for the applicant herein named, that he has read the above and foregoing application, knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true to the best of this affiant's knowledge,

information, and belief.


John W. Morrison

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of July, 2010.



Beth Wald
Notary Public
Burleigh County, North Dakota
My Commission Expires: