

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**BakkenLink Pipeline LLC  
Crude Oil Pipeline – Williams to Billings County  
Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-10-218**

**NOTICE OF FILINGS, NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING,  
AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING  
August 1, 2012**

The North Dakota Public Service Commission's (Commission) February 29, 2012 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order (Order) issued to BakkenLink Pipeline LLC (BakkenLink) a Certificate designating a corridor and a Permit designating a route for the construction of a 123.8 miles of 12-inch pipeline and three 8-inch lateral pipelines and associated facilities in Billings, Dunn, McKenzie, Stark and Williams Counties, North Dakota, for the transmission of crude oil (Project).

On July 23, 2012, BakkenLink filed a request for modification to the approved corridor and route to allow for numerous reroutes along much of the approved route. The route would no longer extend into Dunn County. BakkenLink also requests modification of the Order to allow BakkenLink to begin construction immediately on portions of the Project not requiring federal review or approval. BakkenLink also filed an application for waivers of procedures and time schedules. The Project is shown on the attached map.

In its application for waivers of procedures and time schedules, BakkenLink requests that the Commission waive the following:

- Procedures that require separate filings of applications for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit,
- Procedures that require separate notices of such applications,
- Procedures that require separate hearings on such applications,
- Procedures that require a public hearing on an application for a certificate of corridor compatibility,
- Procedures that require a public hearing on an application for a route permit.

The issues to be considered in BakkenLink's application for waiver of procedures and time schedules are:

1. Are the proposed facilities of such length, design, location, or purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects and that adherence to applicable procedures and time schedules may be waived?

2. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive any procedures and time schedules as requested in the application?

The issues to be considered in BakkenLink's applications for amended certificate of corridor compatibility and amended route permit are:


1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

Those interested are invited to comment on the applications in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearing must be received by August 31, 2012.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

An **Informal Hearing** of this matter is scheduled to begin on **August 29, 2012**, at **1:30 p.m. CDT** in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th floor of the State Capitol. At the informal hearing, the Commission will discuss this matter with the parties and interested members of the public.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

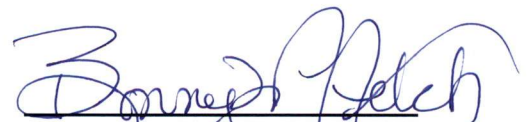
#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



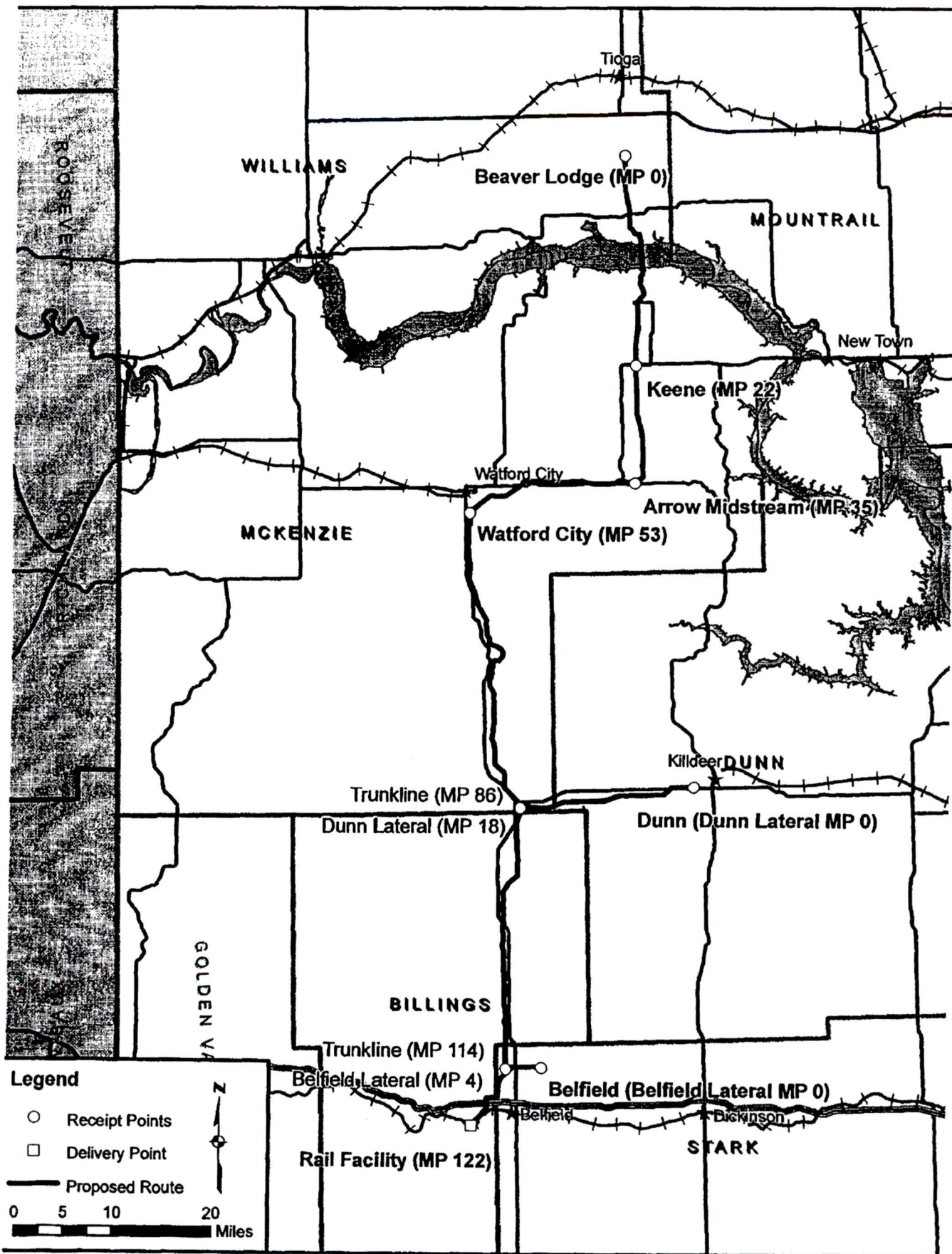
**Kevin Cramer**  
Commissioner



**Brian P. Kalk**  
Chairman



**Bonny M. Fetch**  
Commissioner



**Legend**

- Receipt Points
- Delivery Point

— Proposed Route

