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RE: BakkenLink Pipeline, LLC
Case No. PU-10-218
Post Inspection Report Compliance

The North Dakota Public Service Commission's February 29, 2012 Order in Case No. PU-10-218 designated to BakkenLink Pipeline, LLC (BakkenLink) a corridor and route for the location of a 144 mile underground pipeline in Billings, Dunn, McKenzie, Stark and Williams Counties, North Dakota. The Commission retained a third-party vendor to conduct construction inspections of the project.

On November 4, 2015, the Commission received the vendor's construction inspection report. Listed here are actions recommended in the report for follow-up by BakkenLink to confirm compliance with the Commission's Order.

- Confirm that topsoil reclamation and reseeding of areas with inhibited re-vegetation have been completed. Rangeland on the National Grasslands and other private pastures is showing less vegetation regrowth and bare ground.
- Confirm by section whether the actions noted in the "BakkenLink Right of Way Grass Reseeding Documentation" (Appendix B of the pipeline inspection report) have been completed or are ongoing.
- The pipeline inspection report includes documentation that BakkenLink is working with the Beulah Park District and other entities to determine tree/shrub plantings. However, BakkenLink has not submitted a tree and shrub mitigation plan for Commission approval nor reported on the timing or results of any plantings. While the inspection report included information on tree/shrub planting and planning, this information does not constitute the plan that must be approved by the Commission or describe BakkenLink's efforts on a comprehensive basis.

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Letter regarding post construction inspection

The construction inspection report can be found at:
<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/10-0218/233-010.pdf>

The Commission's Order can be found at:
<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/10-0218/072-010.pdf>

Please forward BakkenLink's responses to the Commission within 30 days. For longer term compliance items such as future tree and shrub mitigation activities and reclamation activities, please provide estimated dates for compliance activities.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 701-328-4077.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick Fahn".

Patrick Fahn
Director, Compliance and Competitive Markets