

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

Case No. PU-10-218

ORDER

September 5, 2018

Preliminary Statement

On February 29, 2012, the Commission issued Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 128 and Route Permit Number 137 to BakkenLink Pipeline LLC (BakkenLink) authorizing construction of approximately 123.8 miles of 12-inch crude oil pipeline project in Billings, Dunn, McKenzie, Stark and Williams Counties, North Dakota.

On September 5, 2012, the Commission issued First Amended Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 128 and First Amended Route Permit Number 137 to BakkenLink authorizing changes to accommodate landowner requests and to allow a change to the original alignment near Watford City.

On April 10, 2013, the Commission issued Second Amended Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 128 and Second Amended Route Permit Number 137 to BakkenLink authorizing modifications to the corridor and route to accommodate four landowner requests.

On June 22, 2018, BakkenLink filed a consolidated application requesting an amendment of the Commission's February 29, 2012 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order to allow the transmission of natural gas liquids (NGLs) or Y-Grade product through a 42-mile segment the pipeline.

Also on June 22, 2018, BakkenLink filed an application for waiver of the requirement for hearing and proceed by virtue of a notice of opportunity for hearing.

On August 1, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Filings and Opportunity for Hearing providing until August 24, 2018, for comments and requests for hearing.

The Notice identified the issues to be considered in the 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 Notice identified the issues to be considered in the application for an amendment to the Commission's February 29, 2012 Order are:

1. Will the location 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?

The Notice stated that, if deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

On August 21, 2018, the North Dakota Department of Health filed comments stating that it believes environmental impacts from the proposed construction will be minor and can be controlled by proper construction methods.

No requests for hearing were received.

Discussion

Andeavor Field Services LLC (Andeavor) is the successor in interest to BakkenLink with respect to ownership of the BakkenLink Project.

On February 5, 2018, Andeavor filed a consolidated application for a corridor certificate and route permit for the location of a natural gas liquids pipeline, approximately 17 miles long in McKenzie County (North Segment), approximately 22 miles long, in Billings and Stark Counties (South Segment), and for four liquids product pipelines, each approximately 5 miles long, in Stark and Billings Counties (Transfer Segment), North Dakota (the Andeavor Project). See PSC Case No. PU-18-72.

The Commission's June 13, 2018 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order (Andeavor Order) in Case No. PU-18-72 issued Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Numbers 205, 206 and 207 and Route Permit Numbers 215, 216 and 217 for the

Andeavor Project. Certificate Number 205 and Route Permit Number 215 was issued for the North Segment for the transportation of natural gas liquids. Certificate Number 206 and Route Permit Number 216 was issued for the South Segment.

The North Segment of the Andeavor Project will transport mixed natural gas liquids, or Y-Grade product, from Oasis Midstream Services LLC's Wild Basin Gas Plant to an interconnection in T149N, R98W, section 30, McKenzie County, with the existing BakkenLink pipeline previously permitted by the Commission's February 29, 2012 Order in this proceeding, Case No. PU-10-218.

The South Segment of the Andeavor will transport mixed natural gas liquids, or Y-Grade product, from an interconnection with the BakkenLink pipeline in T142N, R99W, section 3, Billings County to Andeavor's Belfield Gas Plant in Stark County.

The BakkenLink pipeline segment between the interconnection of Andeavor's North Segment and Andeavor's South Segment is 42-miles long (BakkenLink Segment).

The Andeavor Order states that Andeavor shall cause the Permit issued in Case No. PU-10-218 to BakkenLink, to be amended to allow for the transmission of NGLs prior to commencing transportation of NGLs. BakkenLink submitted its June 22, 2018 application to amend Second Amended Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 128 and Second Amended Route Permit Number 137 to allow for the transmission of NGLs and/or Y-Grade product through the BakkenLink Segment.

The location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities will produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota.

The proposed facilities are compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources.

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.

The proposed project is of such design, location, and purpose that it will produce minimal adverse effects.

It is appropriate for the Commission to waive any procedures and time schedules as requested in the application.

Having considered this matter the Commission issues the following:

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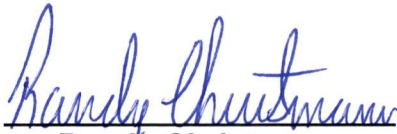
The Commission Orders:

1. BakkenLink Pipeline LLC's request to amend the Commission's February 29, 2012 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order to allow the transmission of natural gas liquids (NGLs) or Y-Grade product through a 42-mile segment the pipeline is granted.
2. Third Amended Certificate of Corridor Compatibility No. 128 and Third Amended Route Permit No. 137 is issued to BakkenLink Pipeline LLC for the construction, operation and maintenance of the 42-mile BakkenLink Segment for the transmission of natural gas liquids.
3. All applicable provisions and requirements in the Commission's February 29, 2012 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order; the Commission's September 5, 2013 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order Granting Amended Corridor Certificate and Amended Route Permit, and the Commission's April 10, 2013 Order in Case No. PU-10-218 continue to apply except where altered by this Order.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Brian Kroshus
Commissioner



Randy Christmann
Chairman



Julie Fedorchak
Commissioner

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**


**Third Amended
Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 128**

This is to certify that the Commission has designated a transmission facility corridor for BakkenLink Pipeline LLC for the construction, operation and maintenance of a 12-inch pipeline; and three 8-inch lateral pipelines for a total of 132 miles of pipe and associated facilities in Billings, McKenzie, Stark and Williams Counties, North Dakota, for the transmission of crude oil, except that the transmission facility corridor from the interconnection with the Andeavor Pipeline in T149N, R98W, section 30, McKenzie County to the interconnection with the Andeavor Pipeline in T142N, R99W, section 3, Billings County, is designated for the transmission of natural gas liquids or Y-grade product.

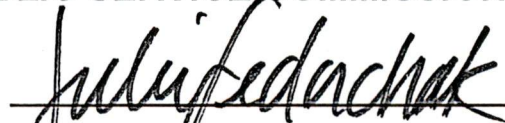
This certificate is issued in accordance with the Order of this Commission dated February 29, 2012; amended in accordance with the Commission's Order dated September 5, 2012; amended in accordance with the Commission's Order dated April 10, 2013, and amended in accordance with the Commission's Order dated September 5, 2018, in Case No. PU-10-218 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in those Orders.

Bismarck, North Dakota, September 5, 2018.

ATTEST:


Executive Secretary

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Commissioner

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**Third Amended
Route Permit Number 137**

This is to certify that the Commission has designated a transmission facility route for BakkenLink Pipeline LLC for the construction, operation and maintenance of a 12-inch pipeline; and three 8-inch lateral pipelines for a total of 132 miles of pipe and associated facilities in Billings, McKenzie, Stark and Williams Counties, North Dakota, for the transmission of crude oil, except that the transmission facility route from the interconnection with the Andeavor Pipeline in T149N, R98W, section 30, McKenzie County to the interconnection with the Andeavor Pipeline in T142N, R99W, section 3, Billings County, is designated for the transmission of natural gas liquids or Y-grade product.

This permit is issued in accordance with the Order of this Commission dated February 29, 2012; amended in accordance with the Commission's Order dated September 5, 2012; amended in accordance with the Commission's Order dated April 10, 2013, and amended in accordance with the Commission's Order dated September 5, 2018, in Case No. PU-10-218 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in those Orders.

Bismarck, North Dakota, September 5, 2018.

ATTEST:

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