

December 13, 2010

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**RE: HILAND OPERATING, LLC
8-INCH NATURAL GAS MAIN AND LATERAL
PIPELINE – MCKENZIE COUNTY
CASE NUMBER PU-10-555**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed herewith for filing an original and ten (10) copies of the following documents:

1. State of Delaware statement of good standing and legal existence of Hiland Operating, LLC; and
2. State of Delaware statement authenticating the attached Certificate of Formation.

Also enclosed herewith is a CD containing the same in PDF format. Should you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,


LAWRENCE BENDER

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Enclosures

cc: Michael Higgins – w/enclosure (via e-mail)
Kent Christopherson – w/enclosure (via e-mail)
Pat Fahn – w/enclosure (via hand-delivery)

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Statement of good standing -DE- and legal existence -DE- Certificate of Formation
Hiland Operating, LLC
Lawrence Bender, Fredrikson & Byron, PA

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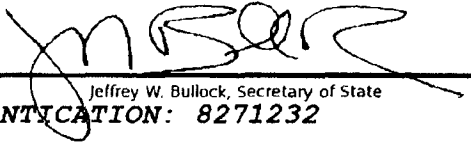
I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "HILAND OPERATING, LLC" IS DULY FORMED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 2010.

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You may verify this certificate online
at corp.delaware.gov/authver.shtml




Jeffrey W. Bullock, Secretary of State
AUTHENTICATION: 8271232

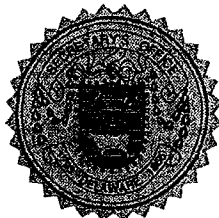
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I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION OF "HILAND OPERATING, LLC", FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 2004, AT 11:28 O'CLOCK A.M.



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Harriet Smith Windsor

Harriet Smith Windsor, Secretary of State

AUTHENTICATION: 3416203

DATE: 10-18-04

CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION

OF

HILAND OPERATING, LLC

This Certificate of Formation, dated October 18, 2004, has been duly executed and is filed pursuant to Section 18-201 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act (the "Act") to form a limited liability company (the "Company") under the Act.


1. **Name.** The name of the Company is: "Hiland Operating, LLC".
2. **Registered Office; Registered Agent.** The address of the registered office required to be maintained by Section 18-104 of the Act is:

Corporation Trust Center
1209 Orange Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

The name and the address of the registered agent for service of process required to be maintained by Section 18-104 of the Act are:

The Corporation Trust Company
Corporation Trust Center
1209 Orange Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

EXECUTED as of the date written first above.

By: 
Randy Moeder
Authorized Person