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Mr. Patrick Fahn
Director, Compliance and Competitive Markets
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Hiland Operating, LLC
Post-Construction Tree Removal
Case No.: PU-10-555

Dear Mr. Fahn:

With respect to the 8-inch natural gas main and lateral pipeline (the "Project") at issue in the above-entitled matter, Hiland Operating, LLC ("Hiland") avoided impacts to trees during construction to the extent practicable in a manner compatible with safe operation, maintenance, and inspection of the Project. Keitu Engineers and Consultants, Inc. ("Keitu") conducted a pre-construction tree survey for the Project and determined that there was a low likelihood of removal for shrubs and trees greater than 1-inch diameter at breast height from proposed construction. Hiland was able to avoid impacts largely due to the pipeline being routed across mainly agricultural lands.

Keitu confirmed with a post-construction review of the installed route that Hiland did not remove any shrubs or trees that were greater than 1-inch in diameter during construction. Therefore, no mitigation of trees and shrubs was required following construction of the Project.

As always, Keitu appreciates the opportunity to assist our client and the regulatory agencies with compliance. If you have any questions, please let me know. I can be reached at (701) 667-1800 or via email at kbecker@keitu.com.

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