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Subject: Sep 24 application for route modification (Case No. PU-10-630)
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Please consider this email as staff approval of Plains Pipeline L.P.'s September 24, 2012 request for pipeline route modification as indicated in the revised maps and the revised plan drawing, Case No. PU-10-630.

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Subject: Plains Pipeline-PU-10-630-24-Sep-2012 route modification request
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On February 1, 2012 the Commission issued a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit to Plains Pipeline L.P. for the construction of 32.1 miles of 12.75-inch outside diameter crude oil pipeline and associated facilities in Williams County, Case No. PU-10-630.

On September 24, 2012, Plains filed a request for approval of a modification of the original alignment entailing an offset of approximately 45 feet for an approximate length of 823 feet. As a result of One-Call locate requests near the southern terminus of the project, the subsequent buried facility locates revealed a congested corridor occupied by several pipelines. One pipeline owned and operated by Banner Pipeline Company encroaches upon the Project's approved workspace.

The proposed route modification would impact a single landowner. Plains has received landowner approval for the proposed route deviation .

Plains states that (1) there is no modification to previously reported facility type, size or design; (2) Plains shall conform to all previously approved mitigation measures as well as right-of-way preparation and reclamation measures; (3) there will be no new or additional impacts to any Exclusion or Avoidance areas; (4) the workspace (70-foot construction right-of-way) will occur entirely within the area previously surveyed for natural and cultural resources and the environmental survey limits coincide with the boundaries of the Certificate of Corridor Compatibility previously issued for the project. The requested route modification will not result in new or additional impacts to natural or cultural resources.

Therefore, I have no concerns with Plains' proposal. Unless I hear otherwise from a Commissioner, I will email staff approval of the reroute to Plains the afternoon of September 28 and put the reroute on the next Commission consent agenda to acknowledge the action.

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