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From: Fahn, Patrick J.
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 4:49 PM
To: 'Eric Weise'
Cc: Rafael Colaco; Bucky Crisp; Steve Broker
Subject: RE: NDPSC: PU-10-637 - Line Strike
Attachments: Patrick Fahn.vcf

On September 22, 2012, the Commission was notified by Eric Weise (Project Engineer, Rangeland Energy, LLC, Case No. PU-10-637) that Rangeland's contractor, working at the Dry Fork Station, struck a 5" 3rd party pipeline while drilling holes for pipe support foundations (see docket 148). Rangeland Energy discontinued construction in the area of the damage.

It was determined that the pipeline is an abandoned crude oil line that had been filled with water. Rangeland Energy removed the damaged section, welded caps on the remaining ends, and coated the remaining ends.

Please accept this email as staff approval for Rangeland to proceed with construction in the area.

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From: Eric Weise [<mailto:EWeise@rghenergy.com>]
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Subject: Re: NDPSC: PU-10-637 - Line Strike

Patrick,

Per our discussion earlier in the week. After removing the damaged section of pipe, Rangeland choose to coat the end caps welded to the remaining pipeline. This work was completed Tuesday 9/25. Please see the attached picture for reference. Let me know if questions. Thanks.



Eric Weise
Project Engineer

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Email re pipeline damage incident

On Sep 22, 2012, at 2:12 PM, Eric Weise wrote:

On the afternoon of Thursday 9/20/12, a contractor working at our Dry Fork station struck a 5" 3rd party pipeline while drilling holes for pipe support foundations. The line was not marked. A minimal amount, less than 5 gallons, of water with an oily sheen was released. Calls were made immediately to the surrounding companies to try and identify the pipeline. Tesoro indicated it was not there line. The line was excavated and a temporary repair clamp placed over the hole.

On the morning of Friday, 9/21/12, all pipeline companies listed on the North Dakota One Call Members Notified section were contacted and representatives responded. Both Hess and Enbridge confirmed it was an abandoned crude oil line that had been filled with water. The parties indicated sections had been cut out previously during construction activity in the area. The damaged section was cut out and caps welded on the remaining ends of the abandoned pipeline.

Here are the specifics relating to the incident:

Address: Rangeland P/L - Dry Fork
10360 60th Street NW
Tioga ND, 58852

North Dakota One Call:

Ticket # 12154950 placed by ND&T
<120922115059_0001.pdf>

Please let me know if questions or concerns. Thanks.

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