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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

**RE: Rangeland Energy, LLC's Ten Year Plan  
Case No. PU-11-\_\_\_**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed herewith for filing an original and ten copies of the following:

1. Rangeland Energy, LLC's Ten Year Plan: 2011-2021;
2. Rangeland Energy LLC's Notice of Filing Ten Year Plan: 2011-2021; and
3. Affidavit of Service.

A CD containing a copy of each of the above-referenced documents in PDF format is also enclosed. Should you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,



MOLLIE M. SMITH

MS/ms  
Enclosures

cc: Chris Keene – (w/encl. – *via e-mail*)  
Steve Broker – (w/encl. – *via e-mail*)  
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**2011 Ten Year Plan**

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**TEN YEAR PLAN: 2011-2021**

**Rangeland Energy, LLC**

**January 2011**

In accordance with Section 49-22-04 of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 69-06-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, Rangeland Energy, LLC (Rangeland Energy), submits the following Ten Year Plan for years 2011 through 2021.

- (1) A description of the general location, size, and type of all facilities to be owned or operated by the utility during the ensuing ten years, as well as those facilities to be removed from service during the ten-year period.

Rangeland Energy is a midstream energy development company, formed November 2009, that is focused on developing, acquiring, owning and operating midstream crude oil and natural gas related assets in growing production areas, such as the Bakken oil-shale play in northwestern North Dakota and southeastern Montana. Rangeland Energy does not currently own or operate any facilities within the State of North Dakota. However, Rangeland Energy is currently planning to construct, own and operate an approximately twenty-mile-long 8-inch pipeline project in Williams County, North Dakota, known as the COLT Connector. The COLT Connector will transport crude oil owned by third-party shippers from Rangeland Energy's proposed crude oil loading terminal (COLT Hub) located near Epping, North Dakota, to a delivery facility that will be located approximately eight miles south of Tioga, North Dakota. From there, connections will be provided to the Enbridge and Tesoro transmission pipelines at the Ramberg/Beaver Lodge Pumping Station, as well as provisions for any future pipelines constructed in the area, which will enable the transportation of North Dakota crude oil to high-value markets. The COLT Hub and COLT Connector are expected to be in service by December 2011.

Over the next ten years, Rangeland Energy plans to both construct and acquire crude oil gathering systems and transmission systems to supply the COLT Hub and other potential destinations in the State of North Dakota. With the exception of the COLT Connector, the specific location and size of crude oil transmission facilities that Rangeland Energy plans to construct or acquire within the State of North Dakota have not yet been determined.

As noted above, Rangeland Energy does not currently own or operate any facilities in the State of North Dakota. As such, Rangeland Energy does not currently own or operate any facilities within the State that will be removed from service during the next ten years.

- (2) An identification of the location of the tentative preferred site for all energy conversion facilities and the tentative location of all transmission facilities on which construction is intended to be commenced within the ensuing five years and such other information as may be required by the commission. The site and corridor identification shall be made in compliance with the criteria published by the commission pursuant to section 49-22-05.1.

As noted above, Rangeland Energy plans to construct, own and operate the COLT Connector, an approximately twenty-mile-long 8-inch pipeline and associated delivery facility that will be located in Williams County, North Dakota. The pipeline will extend from Rangeland Energy's proposed COLT Hub near Epping, North Dakota, to a delivery facility located approximately eight miles south of Tioga, North Dakota, near the Ramberg/Beaver Lodge Pumping Stations. Rangeland Energy has retained a qualified environmental consulting firm to evaluate the corridor and route selected for the proposed project so as to ensure compliance with the exclusion and avoidance area criteria referenced in Section 49-22-05.1 of the North Dakota Century Code and identified in Section 69-06-08-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code. A map showing the general location of the proposed COLT Connector is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

- (3) A description of the efforts by the utility to coordinate the plan with other utilities so as to provide a coordinated regional plan for meeting the utility needs of the region.

Associated with the development of the COLT Hub and COLT Connector discussed above, Rangeland Energy is in on-going discussions with various pipeline and railroad operators regarding facility design and operating parameters to effectively utilize these projects to commercialize the region's crude oil production.

- (4) A description of the efforts to involve environmental protection and land-use planning agencies in the planning process, as well as other efforts to identify and minimize environmental problems at the earliest possible stage in the planning process.

The principals at Rangeland Energy represent a combined 100 years of experience in developing, owning and operating midstream infrastructure. The team at Rangeland Energy prides itself on its record of safe and environmentally sound development and operating practices. The company will apply this experience to its planned facilities in North Dakota.

With respect to Rangeland Energy's proposed COLT Connector, as noted above, Rangeland Energy has retained a qualified environmental consulting firm to evaluate the proposed corridor and route for the project. Part of that analysis has involved identifying the presence of any avoidance and/or exclusion areas identified in Section 69-06-08-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, as well as conducting a variety of site-specific environmental

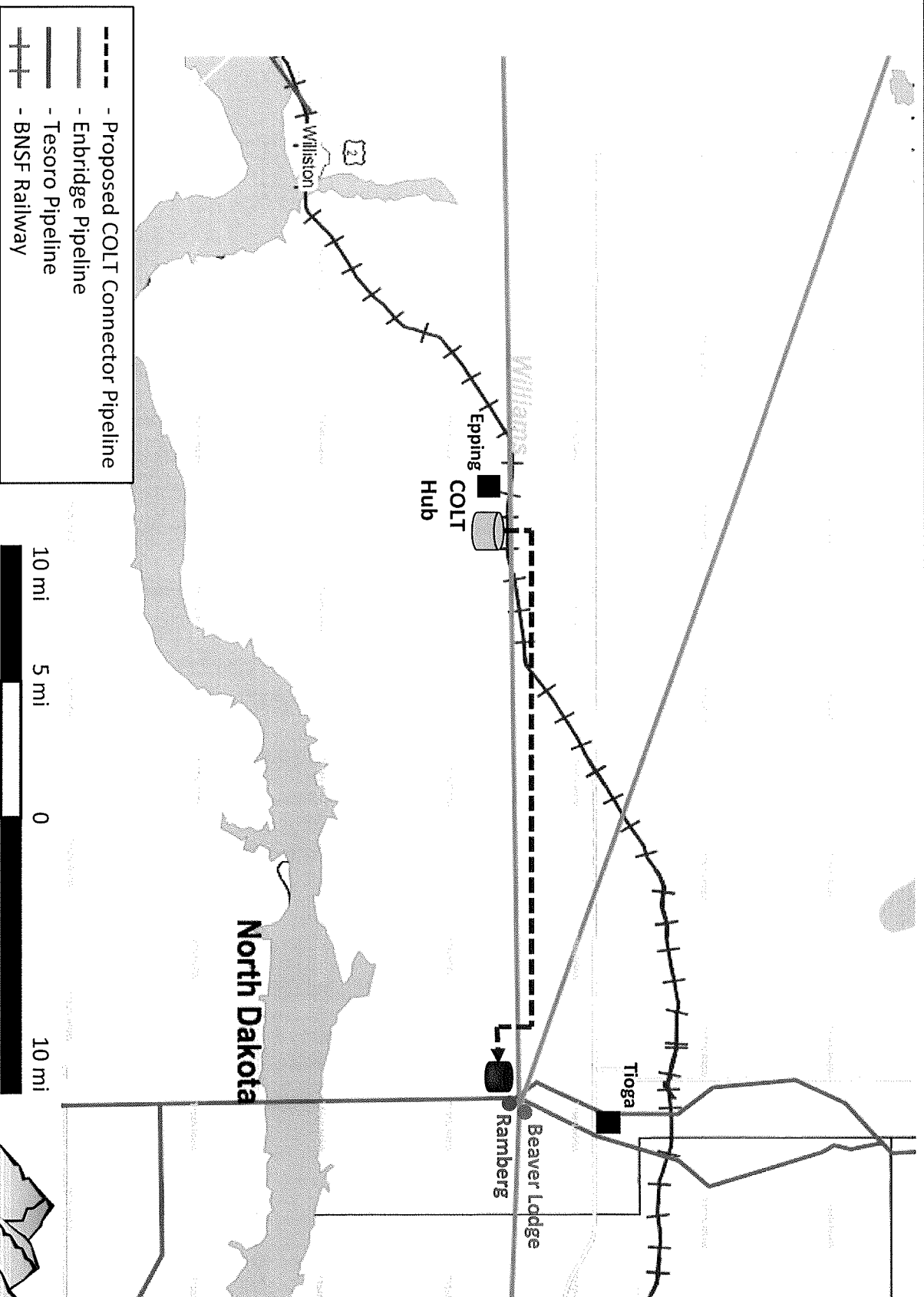
studies. This information has been and will continue to be utilized by Rangeland Energy to develop the project in a manner that will ensure compliance with the North Dakota Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act and the Commission's siting rules, as well as minimize environmental problems. In addition, Rangeland Energy has consulted with and will continue to consult with local, state and federal agencies and governmental units regarding the proposed pipeline project, and will obtain any permits or approvals that may be necessary. To date, no environmental or siting concerns have been identified that would preclude development of the proposed pipeline project. Rangeland Energy submitted a Letter of Intent to submit a combined application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for the COLT Connector to the Commission on November 23, 2010 (*see* Docket PU-10-637).

- (5) A statement of the projected demand for the service rendered by the utility for the ensuing ten years and the underlying assumptions for the projection, with that information being as geographically specific as possible, and a description of the manner and extent to which the utility will meet the projected demands.

Since 2005, North Dakota crude oil production has grown roughly 250% from approximately 100,000 barrels per day to almost 350,000 barrels per day. General consensus is that crude oil production will continue to grow and peak between 500,000 and 1,000,000 barrels per day. The North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources estimates the Expected Ultimate Recovery (EUR) in North Dakota at approximately 4 billion barrels of crude oil. The two counties with the largest EUR are Williams and McKenzie, each with over 700 million barrels. As a result, the industry has responded with aggressive drilling programs for 2010, 2011 and beyond in Williams and McKenzie counties.

The COLT Hub and the COLT Connector are strategically located to assist these producers with the necessary infrastructure to provide needed market access to the area's growing production. The COLT Hub will aggregate crude oil produced in Williams and neighboring counties utilizing pipeline gathering systems and trucks, will provide crude oil handling and storage services for up to 100,000 barrels per day of crude oil production through available on-site tankage, and will provide access to multiple downstream crude oil markets through the COLT Connector and rail car loading facilities.

# COLT Connector Pipeline Project



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Case No. PU-11-\_\_\_


IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF A TEN  
YEAR PLAN BY RANGELAND ENERGY, LLC

**NOTICE OF FILING TEN YEAR PLAN  
2011-2021**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that, pursuant to Section 49-22-04 of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 69-06-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, Rangeland Energy, LLC, filed a Ten Year Plan for the years 2011 through 2021 with the North Dakota Public Service Commission and the Williams County Auditor on January 18, 2011. The Ten Year Plan discusses a proposed pipeline project that is to be located in Williams County, North Dakota.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2011.

Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.

By   
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the following document:

**NOTICE OF FILING TEN-YEAR PLAN: 2011-2021**

was on the 18th day of January, 2011 served by placing the same in the United States mail,  
postage prepaid, properly addressed to the following:

North Dakota Aeronautics Commission  
P.O. Box 5020  
Bismarck, ND 58502-5020

North Dakota Office of Attorney General  
State Capitol  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Dept. 125  
Bismarck, ND 58505

North Dakota Dept. of Agriculture  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Dept. 602  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0020

North Dakota Dept. of Health  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0200

Dept. of Human Services  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Dept. 325  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0250

North Dakota Dept. of Labor  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Dept. 406  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0340

Department of Vocational Education  
c/o Career and Technical Education  
State Capitol, 15th Floor  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Dept. 270  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0610

Economic Development and Finance Commission  
North Dakota Dept. of Commerce  
1600 E. Century Ave., Suite 2  
PO Box 2057  
Bismarck, ND 58503

Energy Development Impact Office  
North Dakota State Land Dept.  
P.O. Box 5523  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5523

North Dakota Game and Fish Department  
100 N. Bismarck Expressway  
Bismarck, ND 58501-5095

North Dakota Geological Survey  
1016 East Calgary Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58503

Office of Governor Jack Dalrymple  
State of North Dakota  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0001

North Dakota State Highway Department  
608 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0700

State Historical Society  
of North Dakota  
612 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0830

North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
1st Floor - Judicial Wing, Rm. 117  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0300

Job Service North Dakota  
P.O. Box 5507  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5507

North Dakota State Land Dept.  
1707 North 9th Street  
P.O. Box 5523  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5523

North Dakota Parks and Recreation Dept.  
1600 E. Century Ave., Suite 3  
Bismarck, ND 58503-0649

Division of Community Services  
Dept. of Commerce  
1600 E. Century Ave., Suite 2  
PO Box 2057  
Bismarck, ND 58503

North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee  
c/o NDSU Extension Service  
2718 Gateway Ave., Unit #104  
Bismarck, ND 58503

North Dakota State Water Commission  
900 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 770  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0850

  
MOLLIE M. SMITH

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF A TEN  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA                    )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY BURLEIGH                        )


Tammy St. Vincent, being first duly sworn, does depose and state that on January 18, 2011, she served the following document:

**Ten Year Plan: 2011-2021**

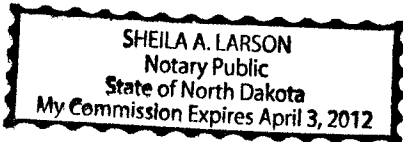
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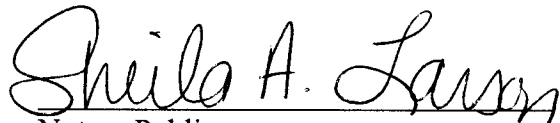
Beth Innis  
Williams Co. Auditor  
P.O. Box 2047  
Williston, ND 58801-2047

and depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States mail at Bismarck, North Dakota.

  
Tammy St. Vincent

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.



  
Notary Public