

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Bear Paw Energy, LLC
Garden Creek to Riverview NGL Pipeline – McKenzie
County
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-11-66

**NOTICE OF FILINGS, NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING, AND NOTICE OF
OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

November 2, 2011

The North Dakota Public Service Commission's (Commission) September 7, 2011 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issued to Bear Paw Energy, LLC (Bear Paw) a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and a Route Permit for the construction of the Garden Creek to Riverview NGL Pipeline Project (the Pipeline) located in McKenzie County, North Dakota. The Pipeline consists of approximately 54.2 miles of 10-inch diameter natural gas liquids pipeline and the installation of new pumping station facilities at Bear Paw's Garden Creek Gas Plant.

On October 27, 2011, Bear Paw filed a request for route deviations in Section 7, Township 147 North, Range 103 West and in Section 12, Township 147 North, Range 104 West, in McKenzie County, North Dakota. On October 27, 2011, Bear Paw filed an application for an amended certificate of corridor compatibility, an amended route permit, and application for waivers of procedures and time schedules. The corridor and route changes are requested to resolve an issue which originated from the affected landowner's request to modify the permitted pipeline alignment such that the modified alignment of the Pipeline would be collocated within an adjacent pipeline corridor. The proposed deviations are shown on the attached map.

In its application for waivers of procedures and time schedules, Bear Paw requests that the Commission waive the following:

- Procedures that require separate filings of applications for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit,
- Procedures that require separate notices of such applications,
- Procedures that require separate hearings on such applications,
- Procedures that require a public hearing on an application for a certificate of corridor compatibility,
- Procedures that require a public hearing on an application for a route permit.

The issues to be considered in Bear Paw's application for waiver of procedures and time schedules are:

1. Are the proposed facilities of such length, design, location, or purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects and that adherence to applicable procedures and time schedules may be waived?
2. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive any procedures and time schedules as requested in the application?

The issues to be considered in Bear Paw's applications for amended certificate of corridor compatibility and amended route permit are:

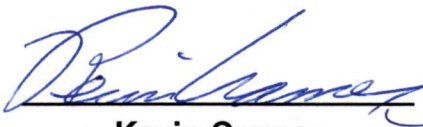
1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

Those interested are invited to comment on the applications in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearing must be received by December 2, 2011.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

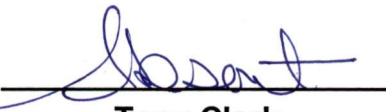
An **Informal Hearing** of this matter is scheduled to begin on **November 23, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. CDT** in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th floor of the State Capitol. At the informal hearing, the Commission will discuss this matter with the parties and interested members of the public.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

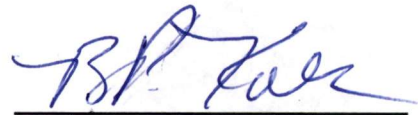
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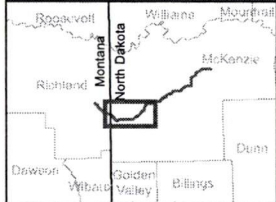
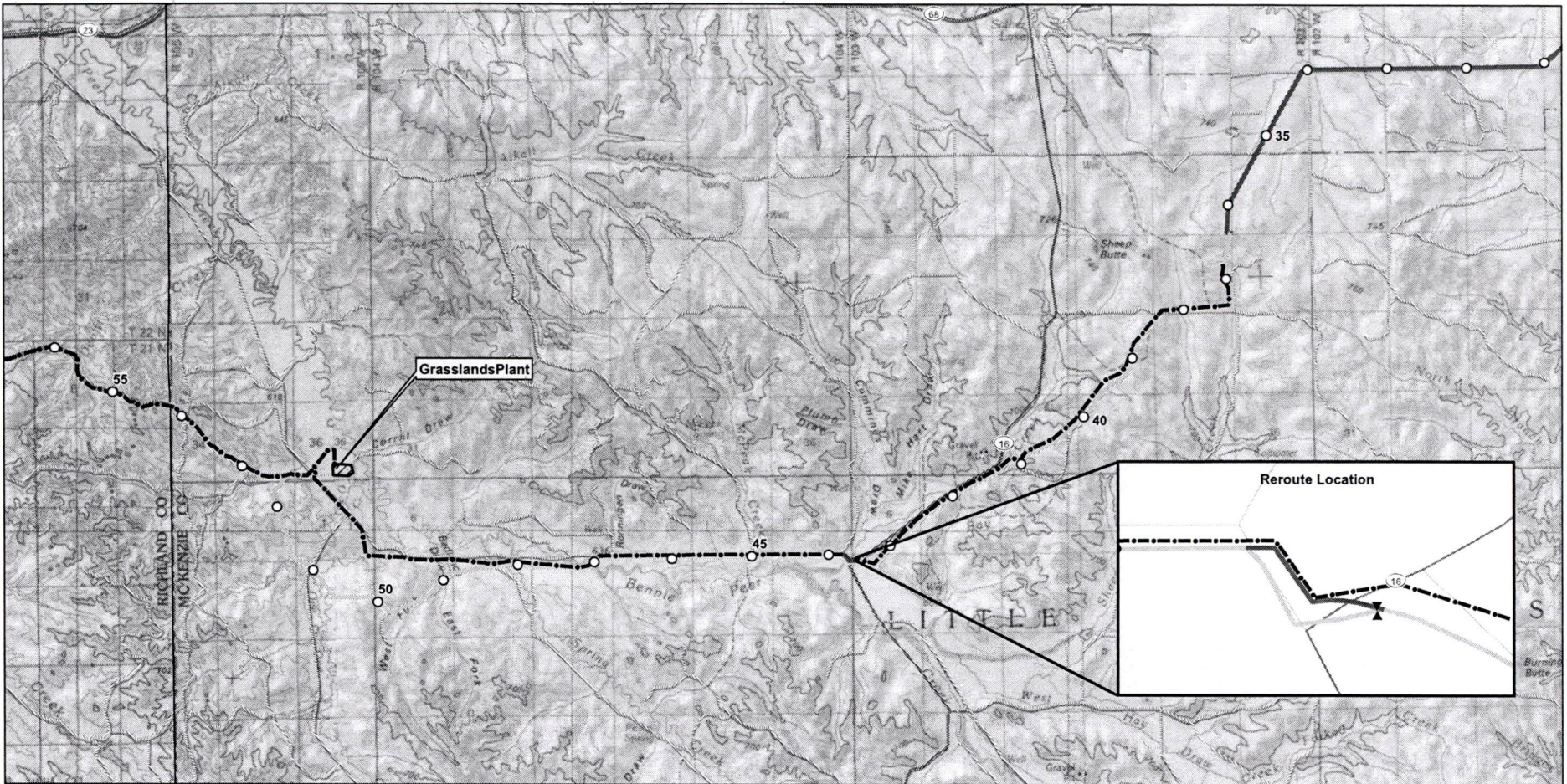
Kevin Cramer
Commissioner



Tony Clark
Chairman



Brian P. Kalk
Commissioner



- Milepost
- Reroute
- Spread One (0.0 - 36.4)
- Existing Corridor
- Spread Two (36.4 - 54.2 (Stateline))
- ▨ Grasslands Plant
- Spread Three (54.2 - 64)

Source: USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Maps and ESRI.

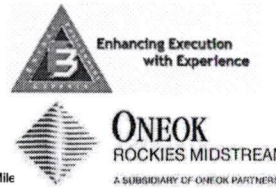
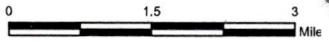


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Garden Creek NGL
Proposed Pipeline
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