

ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C.
Garden Creek NGL Pipeline
Amendment of Application
PU 11-066

- 1) Has the US Forest Service approved the reroute?
 - a. Yes, US Forest Service approval was received November 9, 2011 (attached).
- 2) There is a second reroute considered in the cultural resources report. The northern reroute is not being considered anymore, correct?
 - a. Yes, the second reroute included in the cultural resources report is no longer being pursued.
- 3) Considering the reroute follows an existing corridor why wasn't this new route taken in the first place?
 - a. Yes, the proposed modification of the Garden Creek NGL Pipeline alignment would place it within the adjacent utility corridor. The original siting analysis did consider collocating within the existing utility corridor, however due to the combination of terrain and the waterbody feature to be crossed, it was determined that a modification of the alignment at this location might reduce construction impacts associated with a waterbody crossing and other topographical concerns. However upon re-examination as a result of the request of the surface owner, ONEOK has determined that a suitable crossing of the waterbody can be achieved and the other topographical impacts minimized while at the same time reducing overall disturbance by following the existing corridor.
- 4) Why wasn't the landowner request addressed earlier?
 - a. The project crosses multiple tracts held by this landowner. Negotiations of each easement were executed in a similar fashion. Landowner interests expressed during easement negotiations are typically addressed during these negotiations and documented; specific landowner requests are conveyed to the responsible parties within ONEOK's project team on a tract by tract basis. In this instance it is unclear whether this situation is the result of a landowner oversight due to the multiple easements involved or if there was a miscommunication within ONEOK's project team.

Attachment: Kim Grotte, US Forest Service communication November 9, 2011.

