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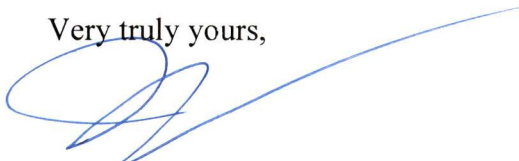
In re: Bear Paw Energy, LLC
Garden Creek Natural Gas Liquids Pipeline Project
McKenzie County
Case No. PU-11-066
Our File No. 72-487-003

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed for filing seven copies of the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



John W. Morrison

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enc.

cc: Michael Dailey (*via e-mail*)

Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan

ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C.
Garden Creek NGL Pipeline

Case No. PU-11-066

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INTRODUCTION

ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C. (ONEOK) proposes to construct, own, and operate the Garden Creek Pipeline (GCP) which will originate at the ONEOK Garden Creek Gas Plant (Plant) near Watford City, North Dakota and terminate at ONEOK's Riverview Terminal (Terminal) near Sidney, Montana. The proposed pipeline is approximately 63.2 miles in total length. This pipeline will provide firm (exclusive) transmission services to the Plant, which is currently under construction, and is, expected to produce up to 31,000 barrels of Y grade NGL per day.

CONSTRUCTION & PROJECT SCHEDULE

The Plant where the pipeline will originate is purposed with producing various hydrocarbon products and is dependent upon the pipeline for product transport in order to operate at full capacity. The construction schedules of the Plant and GCP were developed so both assets go into service at approximately the same time. Construction of the 10-inch outside diameter natural gas liquids (NGL) pipeline has been completed and restoration effort were started. ONEOK would like to have the replacement trees and shrubs planted by the end of the second quarter this year.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

The project is under the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) requiring project construction to replace trees and shrubs in accordance with their requirements. ONEOK will comply with the tree and shrub mitigation specifications as outlined by the North Dakota Public Service Commission Finding of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Order. The PSC requires approval of ONEOK's Inventory/Sampling Plan prior to the start of construction, and filing for approval of the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan/Replacement Plan before trees or shrubs are planted.

TREE, SAPLING & SHRUB INVENTORY

ONEOK contracted with SWCA Environmental Consultants to conduct a preconstruction tree and shrub inventory which was completed in May 2011. The inventory report and sampling methods used were filed with the PSC in the June 2011 Consolidated Application for Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit.



MITIGATION PLAN

A complete inventory was conducted for a 250-foot-wide certificated corridor and the entire 95-foot-wide construction right-of-way. ONEOK maintained records of actual tree and shrub impacts arising from construction. These impacts totaled 140 trees/saplings/shrubs (see Appendix B). In accordance with the PSC tree and shrub mitigation specifications, these trees will be replaced on a 2 to 1 basis with the same or similar species suitable for North Dakota. A replacement plan has been made in conjunction with the six landowners affected. Planned replacement species are listed in Appendix A.

MONITORING & REPORTING

Following the initial installation of the replacement trees, the following information will be documented and filed with the PSC:

- Quantities;
- Variety and type;
- Locations; and
- Planting date.

Replacement plantings will be inspected annually for a minimum of three (3) years following initial installation, which will occur on or near the anniversary planting date. The number and type of each surviving tree will be documented and notes on the condition of the saplings will be recorded. Survival rates will be calculated and a report will be submitted to the PSC before October 1 of each year documenting this information. If the survival rate after three years is less than 75%, additional plantings may be ordered based on consideration by the PSC.

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APPENDIX A: Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan Table

TREE & SHRUB MITIGATION PLAN

Garden Creek NGL Pipeline

LANDOWNER	# REMOVED DURING CONSTRUCTION	REMOVED TREE TYPE	# REPLACEMENT TREES ALLOTTED	# TREES IN PLANTING PLAN ¹	REPLACEMENT TREE TYPE
Kent R. Pedersen	39	Buckthorn		21 57	Black Cherry Saskatoon Serviceberry
Total:	39		78	78	
Ronald C. and Adell L. Pedersen	68 1 3	Buckthorn Siberian Pea Shrub Cedar		56 32 56	Lilac Black Cherry Saskatoon Serviceberry
Total:	72		144	144	
Paul H. Bergem	9	Buckthorn		18	Colorado Blue Spruce
Total:	9		18	18	
USFS (Kim Grotte)	15 1	Chokecherry Green Ash			28 Donated to Wes and Cheryl Faulkner 4 Donated to Leslie and Shelly Haugen
Total:	16		32		32 Total Replacement Trees
Wes and Cheryl Faulkner (includes 28 donated from USFS allotment)	3	Buckthorn		34	Blue Spruce
Total:	3		6	34	
Leslie and Shelly Haugen (includes 4 donated from USFS allotment)	1	Siberian Pea Shrub		6	Shrub Roses
Total:	1		2	6	
Total:	140		280	280	

¹Minimum plantings to meet PSC requirements, additional plantings to be at the discretion of ONEOK

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