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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

In re: Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation  
Letter of Intent/Application for Waiver of Procedures and Time Frames  
Belfield Oil Pipeline

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Pursuant to Section 49-22-07.1 of the North Dakota Century Code and Section 69-06-03-01 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (“Whiting”), hereby files one original and ten copies of its letter of intent to construct a crude oil pipeline (the “Pipeline”) from a location at a field gathering point in Section 14, Township 140 North, Range 99 West, Stark County, North Dakota to an interconnection with several third party crude transmission pipelines in Section 16, Township 141 North, Range 98 West, Billings County, North Dakota. Whiting is also requesting that the Commission waive or modify the requirement that a letter of intent be filed one year before filing an application.

**1. Description of size and type of facility and area to be served.**

Whiting currently operates a number of oil and gas wells in Stark and Billings Counties, North Dakota, near the town of Belfield, and anticipates substantial additional drilling activity in the area. Whiting is currently constructing a gathering system which will gather crude oil produced in the vicinity to a central storage location in Section 14, Township 140 North, Range 99 West. At that point, Whiting intends to install pumps to increase the pressure and then

construct a an eight-inch steel transmission line approximately 7.0 miles in length to a point in Section 16, Township 141 North, Range 98 West, Billings County, North Dakota where it will interconnect with the Skunk Hill Pipeline Station operated by Bridger Pipeline LLC. At the present time, Whiting anticipates carrying only crude oil produced from wells operated by Whiting. The pipeline will allow the crude oil to be marketed in national markets and will minimize truck traffic in the area.

The Pipeline will be designed to transport approximately 60,000 barrels of crude oil per day at an operating pressure between 500 and 800 psig. Whiting will construct and operate the Pipeline pursuant to U.S. Department of Transportation safety regulations.

**2. Request for waiver of procedures and time frames.**

To minimize delay, Whiting requests that the Commission waive the requirement of filing a letter of intent at least one year prior to filing the application for a certificate, or alternatively reduce such period to thirty-days so as to allow this project to be timely constructed and placed in service.

**3. Map of study area.**

See map enclosed herewith.

**4. Anticipated construction and operation schedule.**

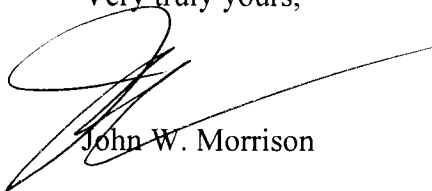
Whiting anticipates commencing construction of the Pipeline in the fall of 2011, with a completion date by Dec. 8, 2011.

**5. Estimated cost of construction.**

Whiting estimates that the total cost of constructing the Pipeline will be approximately \$3,360,000.

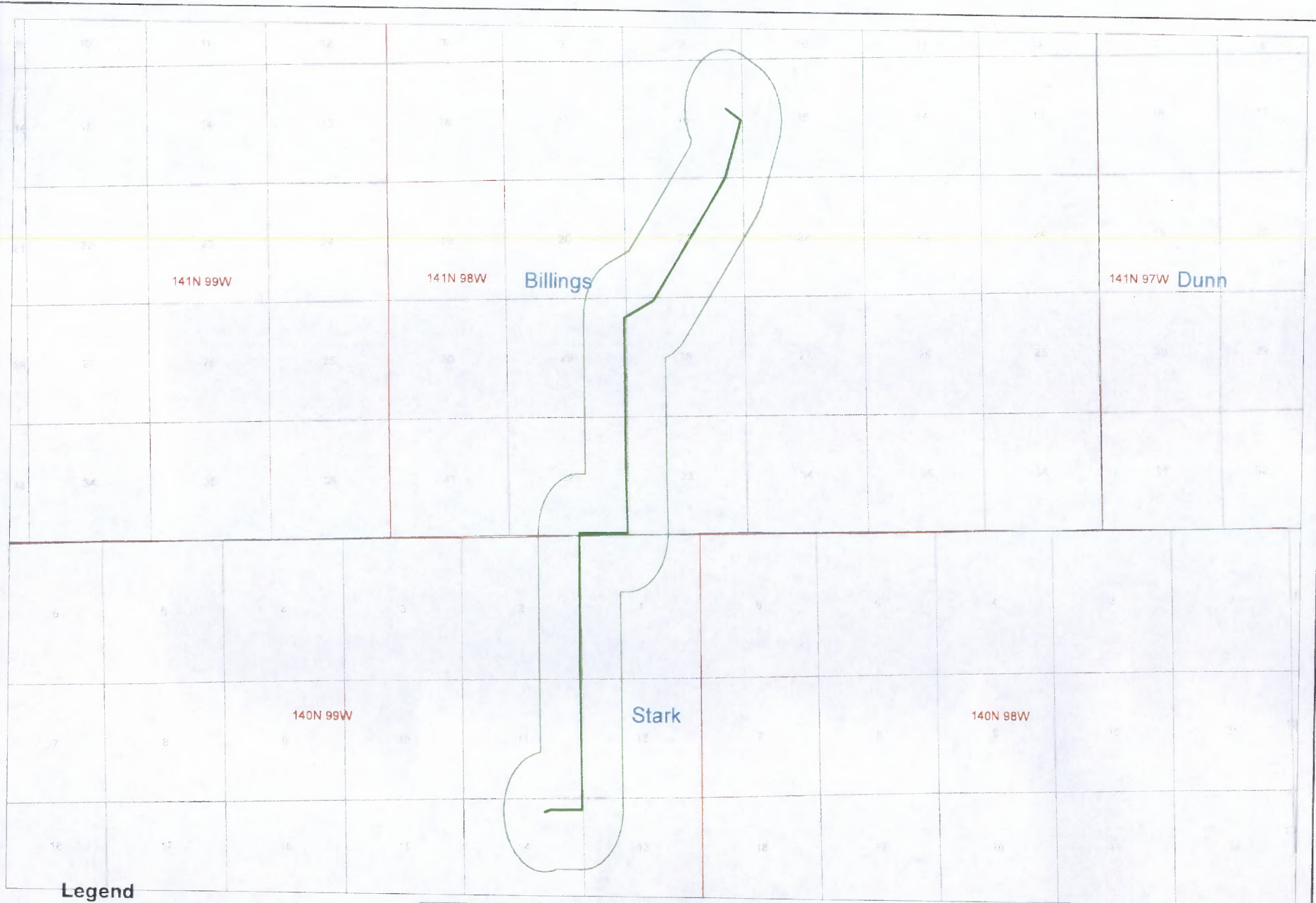
If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,








John W. Morrison

cc: Nicole Tebow



**Legend**

-  Belfield Oil Line
-  0.5 mi Oil Line Buffer
-  Counties
-  Townships
-  Sections



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**Proposed Belfield Oil Pipeline**  
 Billings and Stark Counties, North Dakota

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