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Public Service Commission
Attention: John Hamre
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In re: Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota), LLC
Little Muddy Station Connection Project – Williams County
Siting Application
Case No.: PU-11-606

Dear Mr. Hamre:

Enclosed for filing is the Staff Response to Application to Protect Confidential Critical Energy Infrastructure Information with regard to the above-referenced case.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Respectfully,


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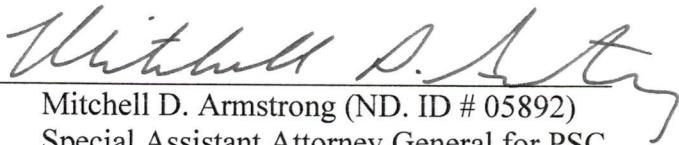
**STAFF RESPONSE TO APPLICATION TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIAL
CRITICAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION**

On December 16, 2013 Enbridge filed an application to protect confidential critical energy infrastructure information required by N.D. Admin. Code § 69-06-05-01(2)(q), asserting the information is exempt from N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18. Enbridge has filed the information with the Commission in a sealed envelope containing a CD and labeled “CRITICAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION – PRIVATE” Enbridge asserts the information is protected critical energy infrastructure and is entitled to nondisclosure as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information under the USA Patriot Act of 2011 and other federal guidelines. Enbridge further asserts the information qualifies as being exempt from public disclosure pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 44-04-24.

Staff believes the information qualifies for the protection Enbridge seeks. In addition, similar but less detailed and exact information is included in the application which provides information necessary for interested parties to review the project and associated factors in this siting proceeding without disclosure of the critical energy infrastructure information.

For reasons set forth above, staff recommends that the Commission grant Enbridge’s request.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2014.

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