

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C.
Stateline to Riverview NGL Pipeline,
Williams County
Siting Application

CASE NO. PU-11-683

**CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION OF ONEOK ROCKIES MIDSTREAM, L.L.C. FOR
A WAIVER OR REDUCTION OF PROCEDURES AND
TIME SCHEDULES AND FOR A
CORRIDOR CERTIFICATE AND ROUTE PERMIT**

ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C. (“Applicant”) whose address for purposes of this Application is ONEOK Plaza, 100 West 5th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, pursuant to the Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act, codified at North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22 (“Act”), hereby submits this Consolidated Application For a Waiver or Reduction of Procedures and Time Schedules and For a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit (“Application”).

Applicant requests that the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) waive and/or reduce procedures and time schedules required by the Act or the Commission’s regulations set forth in Title 69-06 of the North Dakota Administrative Code to accomplish the purposes as requested herein. These include, but are not limited to: (1) waive, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code §§ 49-22-07.2, 49-22-13(2), and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-01-02 and Chapter 69-06-06, those provisions of North Dakota Century Code §§ 49-22-08(5), 49-22-08.1(5), 49-22-13, and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-01-02 which require separate filings of applications for corridor certificates and route permits, separate notices of

such applications, separate hearings on such applications and certain time schedules as set forth in said statutes and rules; (2) allow consolidation of the certificate of corridor compatibility application and route permit application into a single consolidated application; (3) approve a one-mile wide corridor rather than the corridor which would otherwise be required pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-04-02(1)(b); (4) find that the proposed facilities are of such design, length, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse affects; and (5) designate and approve the requested facilities as identified in this Application and issue the appropriate corridor certificate and route permit.

The Commission's application guidelines for waiver of procedures and time schedules require the description of the facility, the need for the facility, the cost of the facility and separate justification for each provision of the Act for which the Applicant is requesting a waiver, together with evidence that the project will produce minimal adverse effects or that a demonstrable emergency exists. As demonstrated in this Application, and summarized below, Applicant's requests for waivers and/or reductions of procedures and time schedules and the issuance of a corridor certificate and route permit are justified as the proposed facilities are of such design, length, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects, and that the pipeline for which approval is sought is essential to allow the Stateline Gas Plant, for which siting has previously been approved by the Commission, to begin processing natural gas and operate at full capacity, thereby minimizing the flaring of natural gas produced in association with oil.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed project (“Stateline Pipeline” or “SP”) consists of construction of approximately 53 miles of 10.75-inch pipeline, of which 13 miles will be located in North Dakota, from the Stateline 1 and 2 Gas Processing Plants (collectively, the “Plant”) near Williston, North Dakota, to applicant’s Riverview Terminal (the “Terminal”) in Richland County, Montana, near Sidney.

NEED

The purpose of the SP is to transport natural gas liquids (“NGLs”) from the Plant to the Terminal where the liquids can be shipped via rail to end users. Processing of the natural gas is essential to allow the natural gas produced in association with crude oil to be saved and sold rather than flared. Recovery of NGLs is an essential component of that processing. The SP will allow 65,000 barrels per day of NGLs to be transported to market. Alternatives to the pipeline include trucking, which would result in 273 tanker trucks per day being loaded at the Plant, transported to the Terminal, and off-loaded. The other alternative would be shipping the NGLs by railcar, but the economics of building rail facilities and limited space at the Plant make this alternative impractical.

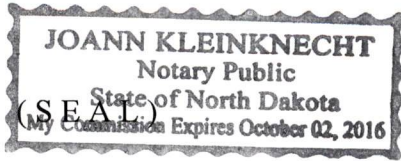
COST

The estimate cost of constructing the pipeline is \$6,000,399 million.

JUSTIFICATION

The environmental and cultural resource studies and reports which have been commissioned by the Applicant for this project demonstrate that there will be minimal adverse effects by construction. As a result, Applicant hereby submits that there is substantial

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of December, 2011.



Joann Kleinknecht

Joann Kleinknecht, Notary Public
Burleigh County, North Dakota
My Commission Expires: