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**RE: Case No. PU-11-693: Tesoro High Plains Pipeline, LLC  
Little Missouri River Crossing – Billings County  
Siting Exclusion Certification**

Dear Mr. Grimmer,

Thank you for your November 15, 2011 letter notifying the Commission that Tesoro High Plains Pipeline Company LLC ("Tesoro") intends to make modifications to its existing pipeline in a segment known as the Four Eyes Station to Poker Jim Station 8-inch pipeline in Billings County, North Dakota. Tesoro intends to replace the current piping which crosses the Little Missouri River with a deeply-bored pipeline crossing.

This letter is to acknowledge that Tesoro has certified, under North Dakota Century Code section 49-22-03(3) that (1) Tesoro possesses Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 71 and Route Permit Certificate Number 80 issued by the Commission for the existing pipeline in a segment known as the Four Eyes Station to Poker Jim Station 8-inch pipeline specified as Segment C in the original Case No. PU-553-96-406 in Billings County, North Dakota; (2) construction activities are restricted to the geographical location and within the right-of-way boundaries near, but not impacting, the Little Missouri River crossing; (3) no additional lands have been acquired adjacent to the existing Tesoro facilities; (4) construction activities do not affect any known exclusion or avoidance area; and (5) Tesoro will comply with all conditions of the siting laws and rules and the Commission previously issued for any part of this pipeline.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Best regards

Patrick Fahn  
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