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**From:** Marohl, Christopher A.  
**Sent:** Friday, August 03, 2012 5:12 PM  
**To:** Fahn, Patrick J.  
**Subject:** Fwd: Case # PU-12-40 - Nelson to Ross Pipeline project - Damage to unmarked third party pipeline  
**Attachments:** 2012-08-01 10 39 47.jpg; Page from PSC permit document.pdf; Fwd\_ North Dakota line strike - One Call contact.pdf

FYI. I'd like to discuss our steps on Monday morning. Chris

----- Original Message -----

Subject: FW: Case # PU-12-40 - Nelson to Ross Pipeline project - Damage to unmarked third party pipeline  
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On August 1, 2012 at N 48\* 17'14.14153" W 102\* 21'43.07792" in Mountrail County; While making ditch on the Nelson to Ross pipeline project the ditching machine operator felt something unusual and shut down. The machine was removed from the ditch and a third party unmarked pipeline was found.

Construction was immediately shut down and the line was partially exposed to access the damage (see attached picture). **The line was damaged but not penetrated.**

All equipment was moved away from the area and the contractor began contacting all companies that were on the one-call list to try and determine the ownership of the line. With help from Plains Pipeline inspection crew all line markers within a two mile radius were looked at and even if they were not on the one-call list, they are being contacted to see if they know anything about this line.

There are no line makers in the vicinity for this line and no company came out to flag it during the numerous one calls made prior to and during construction.

As an extra precautionary measure, a temporary clamp has been installed around the most damaged area of the pipe.

Following the guidelines of our permit requirements (see attached document) we have suspended construction activities that are close to this pipe, and the contractor has been in contact with the One-call system (see contractor's feedback from the One-Call system).

Currently all the information we are receiving back is that is an abandoned Texaco line.

**Until such time as the Commission rules that all of the steps we have taken are adequate to complete the construction of our pipeline to go under this line, we will continue to our inquiries and suspend activities that are close to this pipe.**

Jim Fleetwood

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Email re pipeline damage incident

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coordinate system used. All submissions must specify the datum in which the data was developed.

32. Company agrees to provide the Commission with both an electronic and a paper copy of the design specifications for the construction of the transmission facility showing the location of the transmission facility as built, and will provide this information within 3 months of the completion of the construction. Company also agrees to provide an electronic version of the as-built facility design specifications that can be imported into ESRI GIS mapping software within 3 months of the completion of the construction. This electronic map data must be referenced to the North Dakota coordinate system of 1983, North and/or South zones US Survey feet (NAD 83) UTM Zone 13N or 14N feet (NAD 83), or geographic coordinate system (WGS 84) feet. The vertical data must be in the appropriate vertical datum for the coordinate system used. All submissions must specify the datum in which the data was developed.
33. Company understands and agrees that the authorizations granted by any Certificate of Corridor Compatibility or Route Permit issued by the Commission for the transmission facility are subject to modification by order of the Commission if deemed necessary to protect further the public or the environment.
34. Company understands and agrees that in the event Company desires to construct, within any corridor granted by a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility in this proceeding, a transmission facility or energy conversion facility that was not included in Company's application in this proceeding, Company shall apply to the Commission for a Route Permit or Site Certificate for the facility.
35. Company shall notify the Commission, as soon as reasonably possible, if any damage, as defined by North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-23, occurs to underground facilities during construction conducted under the certificate or permit issued in this proceeding. In the event of any damage to underground facilities, Company shall suspend construction in the vicinity of the damage until compliance with One-Call Excavation Notice System requirements under North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-23 has been determined and clearance to proceed has been given by the Commission.
36. Company understands and agrees that the corridor certificate and route permit are subject to suspension or revocation and may, after hearing, be suspended or revoked for failure to comply with the Commission's order, requirements of the One-Call Excavation Notice System under North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-23, the conditions and criteria of the certificate or permit or subsequent modification, or failure to comply with applicable statutes, or rules, regulations, standards, and permits of other state or federal agencies.

**From:** [Terry Wainwright](#)  
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----- Forwarded message -----

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The line strike on nelson to ross pipeline project. Section 34, 80th/61st street Stanely ND. All oil & gas companies have all been contacted by myself or Brian Prestjohn. Nobody has or will claim the 6 inch line in question. Steffanie Benke and myself spoke with Chad Olson with the ND one call system. It is my understanding, abandoned lines after 7 years are not mapped any longer.

We believe this is a abandoned and purged texaco pipeline. Mr olson said if all oil & gas companies have been contacted, and know one claims ownership. To treat it as an abandoned line on move on. Mr Dean Blickery with EOG stated to Brian Prestjohn, that when Hess Corp. found this line on the north side of 61st street, nobody would claim it at that time either.

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