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**RE: Case No. PU-12-58: Tesoro High Plains Pipeline, LLC  
Keene to Dunn - Dunn County  
Siting Exclusion Certification**

Dear Mr. Grimmer,

Thank you for your January 23, 2012 letter notifying the Commission that Tesoro High Plains Pipeline Company LLC ("Tesoro") intends to replace approximately 1200 feet of pipeline in a segment known as the "Keene Station to Dunn Station 12-inch pipeline" located in S5, T146N, R93W, in Dunn County, North Dakota. This 12-inch segment was constructed in 1953 (originally as a 16-inch pipeline and modified in the 1980's to a 12-inch pipeline) prior to the development of the North Dakota Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act.

This letter is to acknowledge that Tesoro has certified, under North Dakota Century Code section 49-22-03(3) that (1) Tesoro does not possess Certificate of Corridor Compatibility nor a Route Permit issued by the Commission for the existing pipeline in a segment known as the "Keene Station to Dunn Station 12-inch pipeline;" (2) construction activities are restricted to the geographical location and are within the right-of-way boundaries in Dunn County, ND, at S5, T146N, R93W; (3) no additional lands have been acquired adjacent to the existing Tesoro facilities; (4) construction activities will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance area; and (5) Tesoro will comply with all applicable conditions and protections in siting laws and rules and Commission orders previously issued for any part of the facility.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Best regards

Patrick Fahn  
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