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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: Rangeland Energy, LLC and Rangeland Pipeline, LLC
Ten Year Plan: 2012-2022
Case No. PU-12-___**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed herewith for filing are an original and ten copies of the following:

1. Rangeland Energy, LLC's and Rangeland Pipeline, LLC's Ten Year Plan: 2012-2022.

A CD containing a copy of the above-referenced document and this letter in PDF format is also enclosed.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,


JILLIAN R. RUPNOW

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TEN YEAR PLAN: 2012-2022

Rangeland Energy, LLC
Rangeland Pipeline, LLC

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In accordance with Section 49-22-04 of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 69-06-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, Rangeland Energy, LLC (Rangeland Energy), and Rangeland Pipeline, LLC (Rangeland Pipeline), submit the following Ten Year Plan for years 2012 through 2022.

- (1) A description of the general location, size, and type of all facilities to be owned or operated by the utility during the ensuing ten years, as well as those facilities to be removed from service during the ten-year period.

Rangeland Energy is a midstream energy development company, formed November 2009, that is focused on developing, acquiring, owning and operating midstream crude oil and natural gas related assets in growing production areas, such as the Bakken oil-shale play in northwestern North Dakota and southeastern Montana. Rangeland Pipeline is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rangeland Energy. Rangeland Pipeline owns and operates an approximately twenty-mile-long 10-inch pipeline project in Williams County, North Dakota, known as the COLT Connector. The COLT Connector provides a bi-directional connection between Rangeland Terminals, LLC's crude oil loading terminal (COLT Hub) located near Epping, North Dakota and a terminal facility located approximately eight miles south of Tioga, North Dakota, referred to by Rangeland Pipeline as the Dry Fork Terminal. A connection is in place between the Tesoro transmission pipeline and the Dry Fork Terminal, and Enbridge will construct a connection between the Enbridge transmission pipeline and the Dry Fork Terminal in the near future. The company is also exploring connections with other planned pipelines to be constructed in the area, which will enable the transportation of North Dakota crude oil to high-value markets.

Over the next ten years, Rangeland Energy plans to both construct and acquire crude oil gathering systems and transmission systems to supply the COLT Hub and other potential destinations in the State of North Dakota. The specific location and size of crude oil transmission facilities that Rangeland Energy plans to construct or acquire within the State of North Dakota have not yet been determined.

Neither Rangeland Energy nor Rangeland Pipeline currently own or operate any facilities within the State that will be removed from service during the next ten years.

- (2) An identification of the location of the tentative preferred site for all energy conversion facilities and the tentative location of all transmission facilities on which construction is intended to be commenced within the ensuing five years and such other information as may be required by the commission. The site and corridor identification shall be made in compliance with the criteria published by the commission pursuant to section 49-22-05.1.

Neither Rangeland Energy nor Rangeland Pipeline plan to construct any transmission facilities within the next five years.

- (3) A description of the efforts by the utility to coordinate the plan with other utilities so as to provide a coordinated regional plan for meeting the utility needs of the region.

Rangeland Energy and Rangeland Pipeline are in on-going discussions with various pipeline and railroad operators regarding the best way to effectively utilize the COLT Hub and COLT Connector to commercialize the region's crude oil production.

- (4) A description of the efforts to involve environmental protection and land-use planning agencies in the planning process, as well as other efforts to identify and minimize environmental problems at the earliest possible stage in the planning process.

The principals at Rangeland Energy represent a combined 100 years of experience in developing, owning and operating midstream infrastructure. The team at Rangeland Energy prides itself on its record of safe and environmentally sound development and operating practices. The company is applying this experience to Rangeland Pipeline's facilities in North Dakota, as well as any future facilities developed by Rangeland Energy.

With respect to Rangeland Pipeline's COLT Connector, Rangeland Pipeline retained a qualified environmental consulting firm to evaluate the proposed corridor and route prior to developing the project. Part of that analysis involved identifying the presence of any avoidance and/or exclusion areas identified in Section 69-06-08-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, as well as conducting a variety of site-specific environmental studies. This information was utilized by Rangeland Pipeline to develop the project in a manner that complies with the North Dakota Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act and the Commission's siting rules. In addition, Rangeland Pipeline consulted with local, state and federal agencies and governmental units prior to constructing the project, and obtained any necessary permits and approvals. Rangeland Pipeline obtained Certificate of Corridor Compatibility No. 123 and Route Permit No. 132 for the COLT Connector on September 29, 2011 (*see* Docket PU-10-637).

- (5) A statement of the projected demand for the service rendered by the utility for the ensuing ten years and the underlying assumptions for the projection, with that information being as geographically specific as possible, and a description of the manner and extent to which the utility will meet the projected demands.

Since 2005, North Dakota crude oil production has grown roughly 500% from approximately 100,000 barrels per day to over 600,000 barrels per day. General consensus is that crude oil production will continue to grow and peak between 1,000,000 and 1,500,000 barrels per day.

The COLT Hub and the COLT Connector are strategically located to assist producers, marketers and refiners with the necessary infrastructure to provide needed market access to the area's growing production. The COLT Hub aggregates crude oil produced in Williams and neighboring counties utilizing pipeline gathering systems and trucks, provides crude oil handling and storage services for over 150,000 barrels per day of crude oil production through available on-site tankage, and provides access to multiple downstream crude oil markets through the COLT Connector and rail car loading facilities.

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