

September 24, 2014

HAND DELIVERED

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



**RE: BASIN TRANSLOAD, LLC.
CRUDE OIL PIPELINE – MERCER COUNTY
CASE NUMBER PU-12-675**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing, please find an original and ten (10) copies of the following documents in support of Basin Transload, LLC's ("Basin Transload") request for an amended Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit:

1. Certification of Ray Sheldon regarding exclusion and avoidance areas;
2. Map depicting original route and requested reroute;
3. Letter from North Dakota State Historical Preservation Office concurring with "No Historic Properties Affected" and "No Significant Sites Affected;" and
4. Letter from Crystal Kuntz regarding exclusion and avoidance areas.

Also enclosed is a CD containing the above-referenced documents in PDF format. Please note that the Certification of Ray Sheldon is a copy. The original executed document will be forwarded shortly.

If you should have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lawrence Bender".

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**Certification and documentation for route
adjustments under NDCC 49-22-16.3**

Enclosures

cc: Ray Sheldon (*via e-mail*)

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Basin Transload, LLC
Crude Oil Pipeline — Mercer County
Siting Application

CASE NO. PU-12-675

Certification of Ray Sheldon in Support of the Application of Basin
Transload, LLC for an Amended Corridor Certificate and Route Permit

STATE OF MONTANA

COUNTY OF YELLOWSTONE

Ray Sheldon states and alleges as follows:

1. That I submit this certification in support of Basin Transload, LLC's ("Basin Transload") request for an amended Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit, filed in the above-captioned matter.
2. That I am employed by Basin Transload, and I am the Project Manager with regard to Basin Transload's proposed crude oil pipeline project ("Project") that is the subject of the above-captioned matter.
3. That on September 25, 2013, the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued its Order granting Basin Transload a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for the Project.
4. That Basin Transload is requesting the Commission approve a modification of the previously approved Project route and corridor in Mercer County, North Dakota.
5. That Basin Transload is requesting the proposed route and corridor modification in order to run the pipeline below the wetland area instead of using the open-cut method around the wetland area. Basin Transload was previously aware of the wetland area, but at the time of


the original application, the area was unsaturated. Due to recent rainfall, the area has become saturated. Rather than bypass the pond area as originally planned, Basin would prefer to reroute the pipeline at this time and bore under the wetland area to simplify the pipeline construction and operation.

6. That the requested route change will not affect any exclusion or avoidance areas, and that Basin Transload has conducted field studies to confirm the same. While the modification is outside of the approved corridor, the area was previously surveyed as shown by the maps submitted herewith.

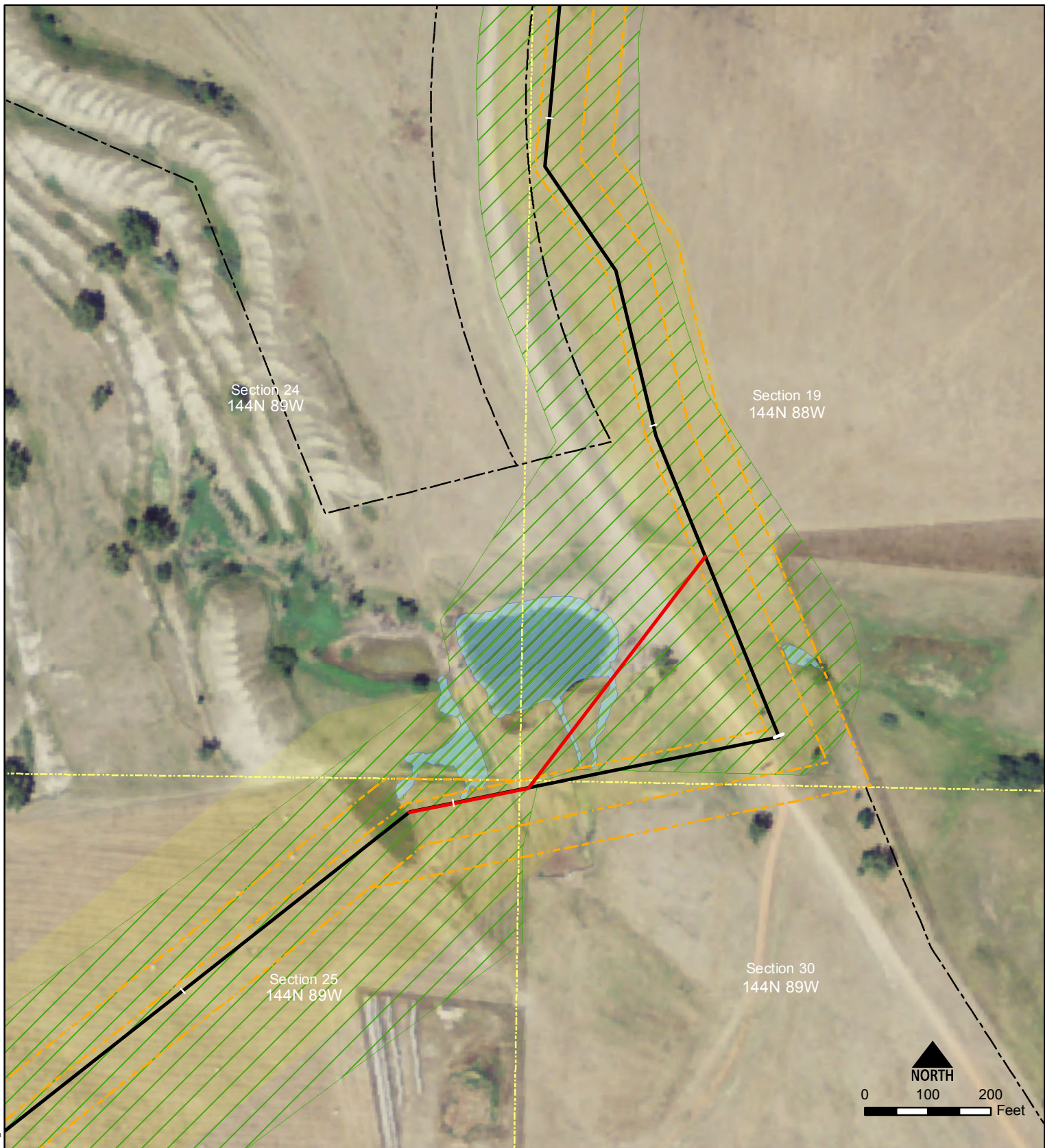
7. That the requested reroute outside of the previously approved corridor is less than one and one-half mile long.

8. That Basin Transload will comply with the Public Service Commission's order, laws, and rules designating the corridor and route.

9. That Gerald and Connie Bieber and/or North American Royalty Corporation own the property on which the requested route change is to be located and neither landowner opposes the adjustment.

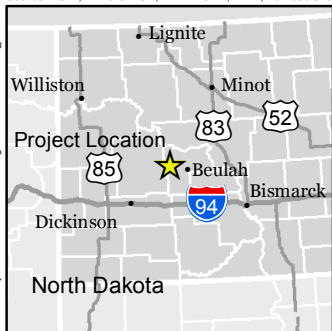










Ray Sheldon




Source: ESRI, ND GIS HUB, MAF/TIGER, NAIP, Ethnoscience, Wenck

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-  Original Centerline
-  New Proposed Boring Route
-  Delineated Wetland
-  Wetland Survey
-  Cultural Survey
-  Easement Utility Line
-  Property Lines
-  Section Line

**THPP Beulah
Lateral Pipeline
Project Corridor
and Route**





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NDSHPO REF.: 13-0008B PSC Docket Number 12-675
Basin Transload: Proposed Oil Pipeline Boring Reroute in Mercer County,
North Dakota [T144N R89W Sections 19, 25, 30]

Dear Ms. Spring,

We reviewed correspondence and project documentation for 13-0008B PSC
Docket Number 12-675, Basin Transload: Proposed Oil Pipeline Boring
Reroute in Mercer County, North Dakota [T144N R89W Sections 19, 25, 30]
and find it acceptable.

We concur with *"No Historic Properties Affected"* and *"No Significant Sites
Affected"* determinations provided that the project is of the nature stated, and
that it takes place in plotted location in the project documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have questions
please contact either Paul Picha at ppicha@nd.gov or (701) 328-3574 or Susan
Quinnell at squinnell@nd.gov or (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

c: Patrick Fahn, ND PSC



September 23, 2014

North Dakota Public Service Commission
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Re: Amended Corridor Certificate and Route Permit Environmental Review

To Whom it May Concern:

Basin Transload is requesting a proposed route in order to run the pipeline below the wetland area instead of using the open-cut method around the wetland area. Due to recent rainfall, the area has become saturated. Rather than bypass the pond area as originally planned, Basin is requesting a reroute to bore under the wetland area to simplify the pipeline construction and operation.

The original environmental study that was conducted for the project identified no exclusion or avoidance areas within the Corridor. This proposed pipeline reroute will not impact any exclusion or avoidance areas. Additionally, the reroute is proposed to be installed through subsurface boring. This method will further minimize adverse environmental effects by eliminating surface disturbance. There are no special status species or habitats located within the corridor. No major waterways, rivers or recreational facilities are affected. The reroute would result in no further effects to these resources.

The summary evaluation and mitigation measures as they are outlined in the original application remain unchanged as a result of this proposed reroute.

Sincerely,

Crystal Kuntz, P.E.
Environmental Services