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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

**RE: BAKKENLINK PIPELINE,  
LLC's 10 YEAR PLAN FOR  
2012-2022  
CASE NO. PU-12-\_\_\_\_\_**

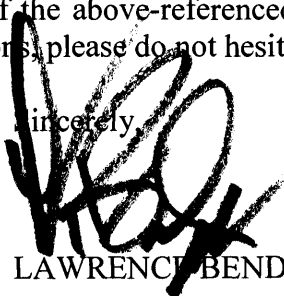
Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed herewith for filing an original and ten copies of the following:

1. BakkenLink Pipeline, LLC's Ten-Year Plan: 2012-2022;
2. BakkenLink Pipeline, LLC's Notice of Filing Ten-Year Plan: 2012-2022; and
3. Affidavit of Service of Ten-Year Plan.

A CD containing a copy of each of the above-referenced documents in PDF format is also enclosed. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Steve Griesser (via email w/enclosure)  
Mr. Rich Voss (via email w/enclosure)  
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**2012-2022 Ten year plan and Notice of filing ten year plan**

**TEN YEAR PLAN: 2012-2022**  
**BakkenLink Pipeline LLC**

**July 2012**

In accordance with Section 49-22-04 of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 69-06-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, BakkenLink Pipeline LLC (BakkenLink), submits 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.

The current Project consists of approximately 123.8 miles of 8-inch and 12-inch steel crude oil pipeline extending from Beaver Lodge, North Dakota to a proposed crude oil rail loading facility located near Fryburg, North Dakota. The Project will be located in the following North Dakota counties: Billings, McKenzie, Stark, and Williams. The proposed project is depicted on **Exhibit A** (attached).

Six receipt points will be constructed for input of product (by others). Receipt points will consist of a tee installed in the pipeline to allow connection to a truck terminal or other producer related facilities that are not a part of this Project and will be constructed by others. A mid-route pumping station may be added in the future to boost pipeline capacity.

On February 29, 2012, the Commission granted to Bakkenlink Certificate of Corridor Compatibility No. 128 and Route Permit No. 137. The in-service date(s) for this project is as follows:

- Arrow Midstream receipt point to Belfield – December 2012
  - Beaver Lodge receipt point to Arrow Midstream receipt point – December 2013.
- (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.

There are no energy conversion facilities associated with the BakkenLink project. The approved pipeline route and location of receipt points is depicted on **Exhibit A**.

BakkenLink evaluated a study area to determine the best location for the placement of the corridor and route in order to minimize any potential land use and environmental impacts, maximize public benefits, and take into consideration design and construction limitations and

economics. The selected location of the route within the corridor was made in compliance with Chapter 49-22-05.1, as discussed in the Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit, Amendment to Application, and the Commission's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

BakkenLink has no plans to construct additional pipeline facilities within the next 5 yrs.

- (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.

BakkenLink plans to work with the owners of other crude oil pipelines to develop interconnects in order to maximize the efficient use of collective pipeline capacity within the Williston Basin. In some cases pipelines do compete for some of the same business which may restrict the ability to coordinate. In the future, additional receipt points may be developed, as well as outlet connections with third party pipelines, including potentially the Enbridge North Dakota pipeline system, the Tesoro High Plains Pipeline system, and the Bridger Pipeline system. Additionally, the strategic position of the Project will encourage the development of pipeline gathering laterals and receipt points and outlet connections with third party pipelines along the pipeline route.

- (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.

BakkenLink has consulted with various federal, state, and local governments, as well as local businesses and residents. Scoping letters presenting the Project were mailed to the various agencies and governing units in September and October of 2010. The recipients of these letters include:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
- National Park Service
- N.D. Game and Fish Department (NDGF)
- N.D. Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD)
- N.D. Department of Health (NDDH)
- N.D. Water Commission
- N.D. State Land Department
- N.D. State Historical Preservation Office

The United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) personnel were contacted during the Project scoping to identify wetland easement areas and it was determined that no wetland easements are crossed by the Route.

The USFWS, NDGF, and NDPRD were asked to review the corridor for threatened and endangered species and unique habitats. Comments received during this scoping process are discussed in the Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit.

The NDDH is a cooperating agency with the USACE through the state-run 401 Water Quality certification program. The NDDH has indicated that sediment sampling of the lake sediments at the crossing location will need to be performed and analytical testing completed to determine the chemical composition of these sediments. The NDDH will review the results of these tests prior to approval and permitting by the USACE.

Class I and Class III Cultural Resources Inventories were completed and the NDSHPO concurred that no historic properties and no significant sites were affected.

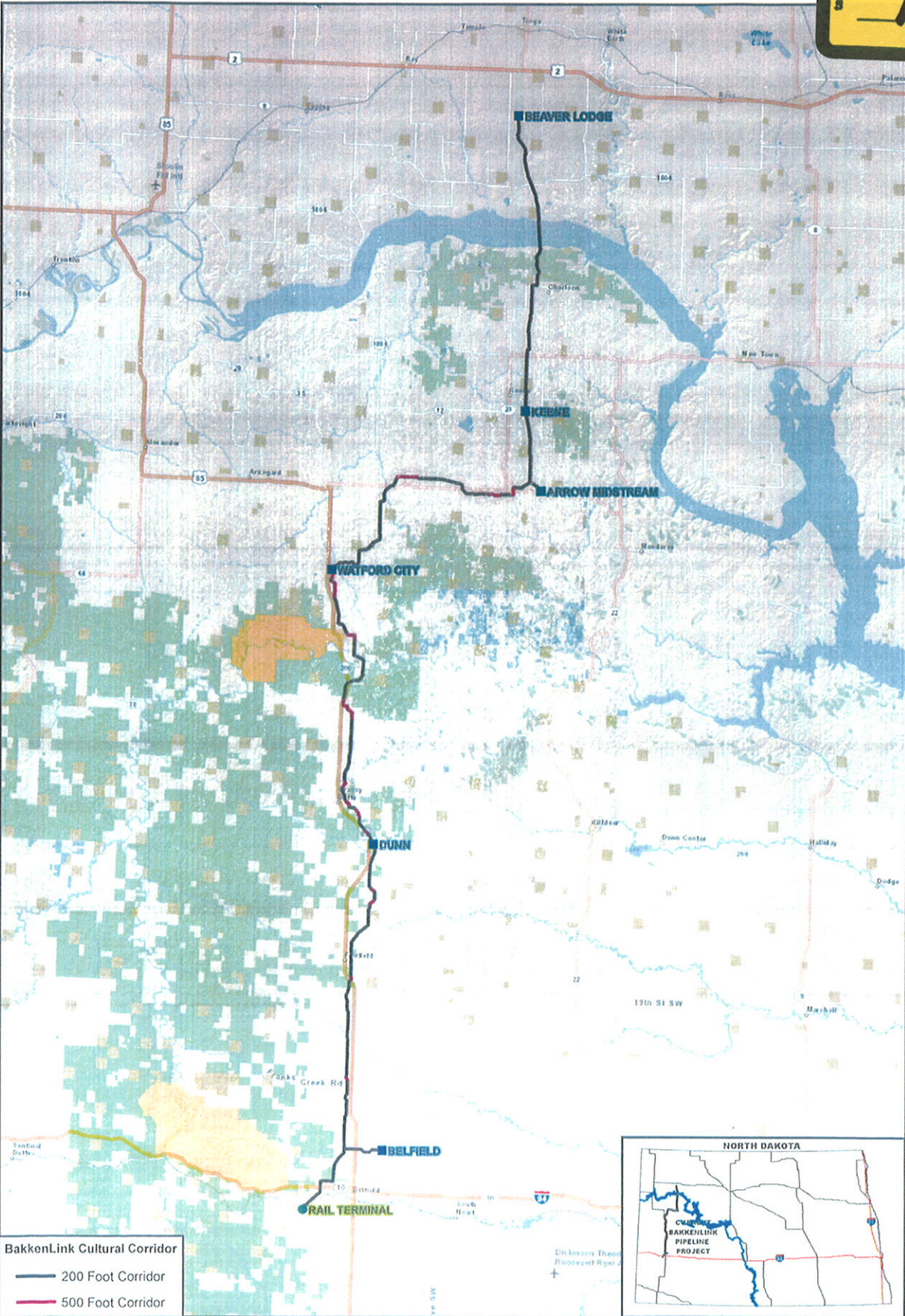
- (5) A statement of the projected demand for the service rendered by the utility for the ensuing ten years and the underlying assumptions for the projection, with that information being as geographically specific as possible, and a description of the manner and extent to which the utility will meet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

Drilling activity in the catchment area of the pipeline continues to increase. Based on current drilling activity, BakkenLink estimates that crude oil production from the Bakken and Three Forks formations will increase significantly beyond the capacity of the BakkenLink pipeline. Further, according to North Dakota Industrial Commission records, North Dakota pumped a record 152 million barrels of oil in 2011, shattering the high set a year earlier by 39 million barrels.<sup>1</sup> Additional crude oil pipelines will be necessary if the drilling activity in the catchment area continues at current levels.

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<sup>1</sup> NDIC, "North Dakota Annual Oil Production." Available at: <https://www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas/stats/annualprod.pdf> (accessed June 25, 2012).



**BakkenLink Cultural Corridor**

- 200 Foot Corridor
- 500 Foot Corridor



**BAKKENLINK PIPELINE PROJECT  
 WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA**

ROUTE IS NOT FINAL AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**BakkenLink  
 Pipeline LLC**



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Case No. PU-12-\_\_\_\_\_

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF A TEN  
YEAR PLAN BY BAKKENLINK PIPELINE, LLC

**NOTICE OF FILING TEN YEAR PLAN  
2012-2022**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that BakkenLink Pipeline, LLC. has, this date, in accordance with Section 49-22-04 of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 69-06-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission and the Williams County Auditor a Ten Year Plan for the years 2012 through 2022, which discusses its proposed pipeline located in Williams, Stark, McKenzie, and Billings County, North Dakota.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the following document:

**NOTICE OF FILING TEN-YEAR PLAN: 2012-2022**

was on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012 served by placing the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to the following:

North Dakota Aeronautics Commission  
P.O. Box 5020  
Bismarck, ND 58502-5020

North Dakota Office of Attorney General  
State Capitol  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Dept. 125  
Bismarck, ND 58505

North Dakota Dept. of Agriculture  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Dept. 602  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0020

North Dakota Dept. of Health  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0200

Dept. of Human Services  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Dept. 325  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0250

North Dakota Dept. of Labor  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Dept. 406  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0340

Department of Vocational Education  
c/o Career and Technical Education  
State Capitol, 15th Floor  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 270  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0610

Economic Development and Finance Commission  
North Dakota Dept. of Commerce  
PO Box 2057  
Bismarck, ND 58502-2057

Energy Development Impact Office  
North Dakota State Land Dept.  
P.O. Box 5523  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5523

North Dakota Game and Fish Department  
100 N. Bismarck Expressway  
Bismarck, ND 58501-5095

North Dakota Geological Survey  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0840

Office of Governor Jack Dalrymple  
State of North Dakota  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0001

North Dakota State Highway Department  
115 D Street  
Richardton, ND 58652

North Dakota Department of Transportation  
608 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0700

State Historical Society  
of North Dakota  
612 E. Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0830

North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission  
600 E. Boulevard Ave.  
1st Floor - Judicial Wing, Rm. 117  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0300

Job Service North Dakota  
P.O. Box 5507  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5507

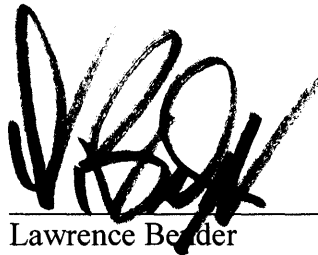
North Dakota State Land Dept.  
1707 North 9th Street  
P.O. Box 5523  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5523

North Dakota Parks and Recreation Dept.  
1600 E. Century Ave., Suite 3  
Bismarck, ND 58503-0649

Division of Community Services  
Dept. of Commerce  
1600 E. Century Ave., Suite 2  
PO Box 2057  
Bismarck, ND 58502-2057

North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee  
c/o NDSU Extension Service  
2718 Gateway Ave., Suite 104  
Bismarck, ND 58503

North Dakota State Water Commission  
900 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 770  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0850



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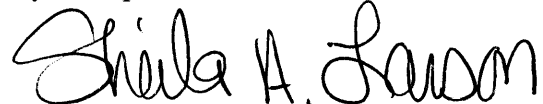
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and depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States mail at Bismarck, North Dakota.

  
Jennifer J. Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <sup>20<sup>th</sup></sup> day of September, 2012.

  
Notary Public

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