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

**RE: Amended Letter of Intent to Submit a Combined Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and a Route Permit for Basin Transload, LLC's Crude Oil Pipeline Project, and Request for a Waiver of One-Year Notice Period**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Basin Transload, LLC ("Basin"), a North Dakota limited liability company, filed its Letter of Intent ("LOI") on October 17, 2012 to submit a combined application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and a Route Permit for a crude oil pipeline, pursuant to Chapter 49-22 of the North Dakota Century Code and Article 69-06 of the North Dakota Administrative Code. On October 24, 2012, the Commission acknowledged Basin's LOI and set a notice period of four weeks. Basin now submits this Amended Letter of Intent ("Amended LOI") to request a shorter notice period.

Basin's proposed pipeline will transport crude oil from Tesoro's High Plains Pipeline, and will terminate at an oil storage facility southeast of Columbus, in Burke County, North Dakota. The entire project will be located in Burke County, North Dakota.

**Waiver Request**

Basin requests a waiver from Section 69-06-03-01 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, which establishes a one-year notice period between filing this Amended LOI and filing a combined application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and a Route Permit. Pursuant to Section 69-06-03-01, the Commission may approve a shorter notice period. Basin seeks permission to file its combined application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit on November 9, 2012. Basin requests a waiver of the one-year notice period to allow adequate time to begin construction of the pipeline during the fourth quarter of 2012.

As required by Section 69-06-03-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, Basin provides the following information regarding the proposed pipeline project:

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**Amended letter of intent**

**Size and Type of Facility**

See Basin's LOI, filed with the Commission on October 24, 2012.

**Area to be Served**

See Basin's LOI, filed with the Commission on October 24, 2012.

**Map of the Study Area for the Proposed Corridor**

See Basin's LOI, filed with the Commission on October 24, 2012.

**Estimated Construction and Operation Schedule**

Basin anticipates that the pipeline project will be operational by December 2012. Basin proposes to develop the pipeline on the following schedule:

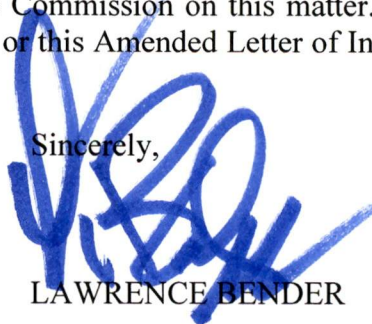
- **November 9, 2012** — File a combined application with the Commission for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit. In addition, Basin will, as needed, file applications for conditional use permits with local permitting authorities (county and/or municipal).
- **December 2012** — The Commission and local permitting authorities grant appropriate certificates and permits for the pipeline.
- **December 2012** — Begin construction of the pipeline.
- **December 2012** — Complete construction of the pipeline.

**Estimated Total Cost of Construction**

See Basin's LOI, filed with the Commission on October 24, 2012.

Ten (10) copies of this letter, as well as a CD containing this letter in electronic format, are enclosed. We look forward to working with the Commission on this matter. If you have any questions regarding the proposed pipeline project or this Amended Letter of Intent, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



LAWRENCE BENDER

LB/jrr  
Enclosure  
cc: Ray W. Sheldon (*via e-mail – w/enclosure*)