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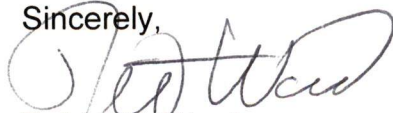
John Hamre
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Basin Transload, LLC
Case No. PU-12-775
OAH File No. 2012 0464

Dear Mr. Hamre:

Enclosed please find the Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing issued by Judge Hoberg on November 21, 2012. By letter dated November 27, 2012, the case has been reassigned by Judge Hoberg to me, and I will preside over the hearing in Bowbells on December 28, 2012, and make Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and issue a recommended Order in this matter.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Ward
Administrative Law Judge

Enclosure

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Basin Transload, LLC
10-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline – Burke County
Siting Application

Case No. PU-12-775
OAH File No. 20120464

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING
November 21, 2012

On October 17, 2012, Basin Transload, LLC (Basin) filed applications for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit to authorize construction for a 7-mile 10-inch diameter crude oil pipeline in Burke County, North Dakota, as shown on the attached map. Basin also filed a request for waiver of procedures and time schedules established under North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22 and North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 69-06-06.

A **Public Hearing** on the applications is scheduled to begin **December 28, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. CST, Burke County Court House, 103 Main Street Southeast, Bowbells, North Dakota 58721.**

The issues to be considered are:

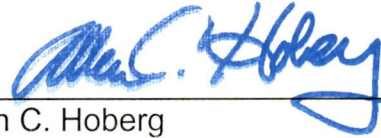
1. Is the proposed facility of such length, design, location, or purpose that it will produce minimal adverse effects, or, does a demonstrable emergency exist which requires immediate construction and that adherence to the procedures and time schedules would jeopardize the utility's system?
2. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
3. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
4. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 21st day of November 2012.

State of North Dakota
Public Service Commission

By: _____



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