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RE: Post Construction Inspection, Case No. PU-13-22

Dear Mr. Solie:

The North Dakota Public Service Commission retained a third-party vendor to conduct a post construction inspection under the authority provided in the above referenced case. Below we provide a weblink to the third-party post construction inspection reports for your review and a link to the Commission's order in this proceeding. We also list actions recommended in the post construction inspection report for follow-up by the Company to confirm compliance with the Commission order.

As per the post construction inspection report, the following actions should be undertaken with information documenting these actions provided to the Commission:

- Verification that the Company designed, constructed and will operate the facilities in compliance with US DOT 49 CFR Part 192. (Finding of Fact 6)
- Final as-built design drawings, specifications and associated GIS files. (Certification Relating to Order Provision 31)
- Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specification No. 16 requires a survival rate of 75 percent after three years and if the survival rate is less than 75 percent, the Commission may order additional planting(s). The Company reported that the planning occurred in the fall of 2014. The Company will need to report the status of surviving trees and shrubs in 2015, 2016 and 2017. If after three years, if the 75 percent survival rate isn't achieved, the Company will need to take additional mitigation efforts.
- There is one area on the south end of the Project near the pig launcher where vegetation has not been fully established. Please provide the Commission with documentation of the Company's planned monitoring and documentation of this issue to ensure the vegetation is established throughout the Project. (Certification Relating to Order Provision 17)
- Verification that the Company participated in the ND One-Call Excavation Notice System (Certification Relating to Order Provisions 34 and 35)

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- Verification that the pipeline was buried to 48 inches in rangeland and 48 inches at the bottom of ditch for road crossings. (Certification Relating to Order Provision 6)

The construction report can be found at:
<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/13-0022/094-020.pdf>


The Commission Order can be found at:
<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/13-0022/042-010.pdf>

The Certification Relating to Order Provisions and Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications can be found at:
<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/13-0022/027-010.pdf>

Please forward your response confirming the activities that are complete and describe actions and timelines for activities that are not complete. Please provide this documentation within 30 days, absent the reporting on trees and shrubs which can be completed at the end of the growing season.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 701-328-4153.

Sincerely,


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