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October 12, 2015

Sara Cardwell, Public Utility Analyst
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505



Dear Ms. Cardwell:

Referenced is your letter dated September 10, 2015, received by Basin Electric on September 14th, 2015, regarding the post-construction inspection for North Dakota PSC Case No. PU-13-22 (Dakota Gasification Company – Antelope Valley Station Natural Gas Pipeline). Specifically, your letter requests information to document or demonstrate compliance with the Commission Order. The information requests are enumerated below, with responses in **bold italics** immediately following.

1. Verification that the Company designed, constructed and will operate the facilities in compliance with US DOT49 CFR Part 192. (Finding of Fact 6) **See enclosed Certification Statement by Mr. David J. Sauer, DGC Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.**
2. Final as-built design drawings, specifications and associated GIS files. (Certification Relating to Order Provision 31) **As-built drawings and GIS files were submitted to the PSC on September 10, 2015.**
3. 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, the 75 percent survival rate isn't achieved, the Company will need to take additional mitigation efforts. **The 2015 tree and shrub survival rate report was sent to the PSC on September 24, 2015. Reports for 2016 and 2017 will be submitted when they are available.**
4. 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) **The DGC Urea Project (unrelated to Case PU-13-22) includes plans for heavy equipment traffic across the area in question. Accordingly, DGC will mow and control weeds as necessary, but will delay final reclamation and seeding until such time the area is no longer used for Urea Project equipment traffic.**

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5. Verification that the Company participated in the ND One-Call Excavation Notice System (Certification Relating to Order Provisions 34 and 35). ***Flint Energy Services (the project contractor) completed One-Call excavation notices as required. A National Ticket Management System (NTMS) database query (hardcopy enclosed) demonstrates the dates One-Call tickets were submitted in support of project construction.***

6. 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) ***See enclosed Certification Statement by Mr. Tyler J. Schilke, Senior Mechanical Engineer, North Dakota PE-7880.***

If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding this letter or the enclosures, please contact me at 701.557.5495.

Sincerely,



Kevin L. Solie. P.E.
Environmental Administrator

Enclosures

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Referenced is North Dakota PSC Case No. PU-13-22 (Dakota Gasification Company - Antelope Valley Station Natural Gas Pipeline).

Dakota Gasification Company (DGC) constructed a natural gas pipeline (Project) in Mercer County in accordance with the Order issued by the PSC for the above-referenced case.

Certification Statement:


I certify that the Project was designed, constructed and is operated in accordance with the requirements of federal regulations US DOT 40 CFR Part 192.



David J. Sauer
Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer
October 2015

Certification Statement:

I certify that the pipeline was buried to 48 inches in rangeland and 48 inches at the bottom of ditch for road crossings.



Tyler J. Schilke, PE-7880, North Dakota
Senior Mechanical Engineer
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Number of Tickets: 15

<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Call Date</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Place/City</u>	
13146835	09/03/2013	FLINT ENERGY SERVICES	UNNAMED LEASE ROAD	BEULAH CITY	View
13157680	09/16/2013	FLINT ENERGY SERVICES	UNNAMED LEASE ROAD	BEULAH CITY	View
13175359	10/04/2013	FLINT ENERGY SERVICES	UNNAMED LEASE ROAD	BEULAH CITY	View
13189143	10/22/2013	FLINT ENERGY SERVICES	UNNAMED LEASE ROAD	BEULAH CITY	View
13201974	11/07/2013	FLINT ENERGY SERVICES	UNNAMED LEASE ROAD	BEULAH CITY	View
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13216674	12/16/2013	FLINT ENERGY SERVICES	UNNAMED LEASE ROAD	BEULAH CITY	View
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14006203	01/30/2014	FLINT ENERGY SERVICES	UNNAMED LEASE ROAD	BEULAH CITY	View
14011518	02/20/2014	FLINT ENERGY SERVICES	UNNAMED LEASE ROAD	BEULAH CITY	View
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14034219	04/24/2014	FLINT ENERGY SERVICES	UNNAMED LEASE ROAD	BEULAH	View
14051736	05/15/2014	FLINT ENERGY SERVICES	UNNAMED LEASE ROAD	BEULAH	View
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