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**RE: Case No. PU-13-224: Tesoro High Plains Pipeline, LLC
Ramberg Station Project – Williams County
Siting Exclusion Certification**

Dear Mr. Bjella,

Thank you for your May 16, 2013 letter notifying the Commission that Tesoro High Plains Pipeline Company LLC ("Tesoro") intends to construct certain facilities adjacent to its pipeline. You indicate that the existing pipeline has been in service since the 1950s, prior to codification of the North Dakota Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act. The May 16 letter includes a plat depicting the pipeline and the facilities to be built within 350 feet of the pipeline.

Under North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22-03, before conducting any activities within a width of 350 feet on either side of the centerline of a transmission facility constructed before April 9, 1975, the utility must certify in writing to the commission that the activities will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance area and the utility will comply with all applicable conditions and protections in siting laws and rules and Commission orders previously issued for any part of the facility.

This letter is to acknowledge that Tesoro filed a certification under North Dakota Century Code section 49-22-03(3) stating that (1) the pipeline has been in service since the 1950s; (2) the facilities to be constructed will be constructed within 350 feet of either side of the centerline of its existing pipeline; (3) the new Ramberg Station consists of four 120,000 barrel (net) storage tanks, multiple pumps and pipeline to storage tank interconnects for transportation of crude oil to multiple destinations via Tesoro's existing pipeline system; (3) the Environmental Report and the Class III SHPO Report indicate there are no exclusion or avoidance areas which would be impacted by the construction; and (4) Tesoro will comply with all applicable conditions and protections in

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Letter acknowledging exclusion certification

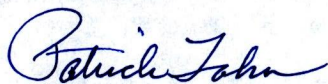
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siting laws and rules and Commission orders previously issued for any part of the facility.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick Fahn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Patrick Fahn
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