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**RE: Case No. PU-13-740: Tesoro High Plains Pipeline, LLC  
Keene#2 Crude Oil Storage Facility – McKenzie County  
Siting Exclusion Certification**

Dear Mr. Henderson,

Thank you for your August 12, 2013 and August 16, 2013 letters notifying the Commission that Tesoro High Plains Pipeline Company LLC ("Tesoro") intends to construct certain facilities adjacent to its existing 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.

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 construction activities for the project will take place within 350 feet of either side of the centerline of its existing pipeline and within the chain-link fenced area; (3) the construction activity will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance area; and (4) Tesoro will comply with reasonable requests of the North Dakota Public Service Commission in undertaking such construction activities, and will construct and operate the facility in accordance with any applicable conditions and protections in the Siting Act and Public Service Commission rules.

Best regards

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Letter acknowledging certification