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**Re: Case No. PU-13-825, Bakken Oil Express, LLC  
16-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline/Dunn & Stark Counties**

The North Dakota Public Service Commission received your Tree & Shrub mitigation report dated 10/23/2017 in the above case. I will be out for a couple of weeks so am sending you this letter requesting that based on your report, the planting by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department in 2018 be modified as shown in the table below to make up for the number of non-surviving species. Note that because the Company was already going to have plantings done in 2018, the Company will have to report in 2018-2020 already to confirm the survivability of 75% so requesting additional plantings now will help ensure a 75% survival rate at the end of 2020 and limit the need for replanting at that time.

Species	# to be planted by NDGFD
American Elm	4
Peachleaf Willow	4
Green Ash	26
Juneberry	24
Prairie Rose/Hansen's Hedge Rose	312
<b>Total</b>	<b>370</b>

I will be back in the office on November 13, 2017. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 701-328-4153 on or after that date.

Sincerely,

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Public Utility Analyst