

November 21, 2013

Via Hand Delivery

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Director
North Dakota Public
Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
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In re: Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
Robinson Lake Gas Plant Expansion
Mountrail County
Case No. PU-13-835
Our File No. 95-574-856

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten copies of a response letter and map in the captioned case.

Please call should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

John W. Morrison

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cc: Nicole Tebow (via email)
William McCarthy (via email)



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RE: PU 13-835: Robinson Lake Gas Plant Expansion, Mountrail County, ND
Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility

Ms. Prescott,

The purpose of this letter is to fulfill the request for additional information for the Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation Robinson Lake Gas Plant Expansion Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility.

1. What is the net design capacity?

110 MMcfd

2. What is the estimated thermal efficiency of the energy conversion process and assumptions upon which the estimate is based?

Not applicable to this process.

3. What is the estimated total cost of construction?

\$3,000,000.00

4. What are Whiting's policies and commitments to limit environmental impacts, including board resolutions and/or management directives?

Whiting implements a corporate policy that meets or exceeds federal and state laws, rules and regulations applicable to health, safety, and the environment. Their policy is enforced and adhered to by all regular and contract employees. Whiting governs operations and construction activities with various safe work procedures designed to protect property and personnel and maintaining regulatory compliance.

Whiting fosters a work culture that rewards and holds employees and contractors accountable for working safely, by reducing discharges and waste,

by minimizing land disturbance, and by encouraging the efficient use of natural resources.

Whiting's guiding principles are:

- **Compliance.** We comply with health, safety, and environmental laws and regulations, and internal standards by identifying the applicable requirements and putting practices in place to meet them.
- **Pollution Prevention.** We manage our business with the goal of preventing pollution and using land and materials effectively. We take proactive steps to prevent spills, implement good housekeeping practices, and conserve resources by continually monitoring and reducing waste streams and emissions.
- **Safe Work Environment.** We maintain facilities, provide training, and conduct operations to protect our employees, our contractors and the public. We ensure that our employees and contractors are aware of health, safety and environmental issues through training and communication.
- **Continual Improvement.** We continually improve our health, safety, and environmental programs by monitoring and evaluating our safety and environmental performance.
- **Communications.** We communicate our health, safety, and environmental performance expectations with our employees, contractors, and the public to ensure that our decision-making process addresses these issues.

Whiting understands that strong health, safety, and environmental principles, properly integrated into our management processes, and day to day practices, greatly contributes to our business success.

5. Is the facility within 1,200 feet of an ICBM launch or launch control center?

Jim Kirkpatrick of the University of Wyoming collected information on current and old missile sites including tabular data of locations and aerial imagery for each Minot AFB Minuteman ICBM site. These sites were compared to a kmz file obtained from siloworld.net, a website that collects information about ICBM sites from the public domain. The kmz was converted to a shapefile and loaded into ArcGIS. These locations were cross referenced for accuracy with Kirkpatrick's tabular data. Remote sensing of Bing imagery collected from 6/23/2011-9/10/10211 concluded no ICBM sites are within 276 acres surrounding the Robinson Lake Gas Plant. This method in conjunction with



tabular location data from Kirkpatrick and spatial data from siloworld.net indicated that the Robinson Lake Gas Plant is not within 1,200 feet of an ICBM site.

6. What effects will the location, construction, and operation of the facility have on transportation facilities and networks, retail service facilities, and utilities?

The Project is located approximately 7.5 miles from New Town. Due to its proximity to the project site, New Town may see the greatest impact from the Project. Impacts from facility construction will be temporary and are anticipated to occur over an 18 to 24 month period. A majority of the construction will be completed by 2014.

During this period there will be an influx of employees ranging from laborers, skilled trades, technicians, engineering and environmental professionals. The workforce will typically engage 50 individuals, with periods where the workforce will increase to levels of up to 100 individuals for a period of up to 6 months. Once operational the Plant will continue to utilize their existing employees to operate the facility. No new employees will be required for the Project.

Generally, the impacts will be beneficial to the local economy during construction due to the addition of revenues from outside of the community being spent on goods and services locally. Residents may experience additional traffic congestion and an increase in commerce in response to the influx of temporary workers purchasing goods and services.

The potential impacts to local public services and utilities are anticipated to be temporary in duration and minimal in their overall effect to existing systems. Area resources may experience increased demand on services with the addition of construction workers temporarily residing in the area. The peak demands will likely occur in 2014.

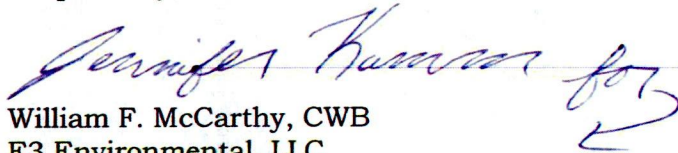
Whiting has designed the Plant to take advantage of the Site's proximity to existing electrical supply and gathering system piping for its location. The Plant will use an existing gathering line system to deliver raw feed stock to the Plant from the gathering fields and generate new delivery points for processed natural gas, NGLs and its constituents. The Plant's location and design are clear examples of creating an economy of scale Project concept, achieving additional production capacity in the most minimally intrusive and most efficient way possible, in terms of new infrastructure development.

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Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the project, please feel free to contact me at 651.282.0650 or via email at wmccarthy@go2e3.com.

Respectfully,


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