

October 30, 2013

Hand Delivered

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

*Re: In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC for a
Certificate of Site Compatibility and Route Permit for the
Sandpiper Pipeline Project
Case No. PU-13-187
Our File No. 31-411-010*

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed for filing the original and ten copies of the following:

1. Consolidated Application of Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC for a Waiver or Reduction of Procedures and Time Schedules and for a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project;
2. A check in the amount of \$100,000.00 covering the filing fee for the Application; and
3. Application of Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC to Protect Confidential Critical Energy Infrastructure Information.

Also enclosed but not to be filed is a sealed envelope marked "CRITICAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION – PRIVATE" containing a CD with the information described in the Application for Protective Order referenced in number 3 above.

A CD containing the Application and a black and white project map for newspaper publication will also be filed this week under separate cover letter.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Sincerely,

CROWLEY FLECK PLLP



Wade C. Mann

cc: Mountrail County Auditor
Ward County Auditor
McHenry County Auditor
Pierce County Auditor
Towner County Auditor
Ramsey County Auditor
Nelson County Auditor
Grand Forks County Auditor
Williams County Auditor

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge)
Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC for a)
Certificate of Site Compatibility and Route)
Permit for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project)
Mountrail, Ward, McHenry, Pierce, Towner,)
Ramsey, Nelson, Grand Forks and Williams)
Counties, North Dakota)

Case No. PU-13-187

**CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION OF ENBRIDGE PIPELINES
(NORTH DAKOTA) LLC FOR A WAIVER
OR REDUCTION OF PROCEDURES AND
TIME SCHEDULES AND FOR A
CORRIDOR CERTIFICATE AND ROUTE PERMIT**

Applicant Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC (“EPND”) whose address for purposes of this Application is 2505 16th Street SW, Minot, North Dakota, 58701, pursuant to the Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act, codified at North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22 (“Act”), hereby submits this Consolidated Application For a Waiver or Reduction of Procedures and Time Schedules and For a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit (“Application”).

EPND requests that the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) waive and/or reduce procedures and time schedules required by the Act or in the Commission’s regulations set forth in Title 69-06 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, to accomplish the purposes as requested herein. These include, but are not limited to: (1) waive, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code §§ 49-22-07.2, 49-22-13(2), and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-

06-01-02 and Chapter 69-06-06; provisions of North Dakota Century Code §§ 49-22-08(5), 49-22-08.1(5), 49-22-13, and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-01-02 which require separate filings of such applications, separate notices of such applications, separate hearings on such applications and certain time schedules as set forth in said statutes and rules; (2) allow consolidation of the certificate of corridor compatibility application and route permit application into one application; (3) acknowledge the study area of two miles centered on the pipeline and around the perimeter of the facility expansions not previously sited; and approve a corridor of 250 feet to 450 feet in width, widened beyond 450 feet in certain locations to address any known environmental and encroachment issues or additional temporary workspace requirements as detailed on the Route Maps enclosed with this Consolidated Application; (4) hold one consolidated public hearing on this Application; (5) find that the proposed facilities are of such design, length, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse affects; and (6) designate and approve the requested facilities as identified in this Application and issue the appropriate corridor certificate and route permit.

The Commission's application guidelines for waiver of procedures and time schedules require the description of the facility, the need for the facility, the cost of the facility and justification for each provision of the Act for which EPND is requesting a waiver, together with evidence that the project will produce minimal adverse effects or that a demonstrable emergency exists. As demonstrated in this Application, and summarized below, each of EPND's requests for waivers and/or reductions of procedures and time schedules and the issuance of a corridor certificate and route permit are justified as the proposed facilities are of such design, length, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects, and that the urgent demand

for additional pipeline capacity to deliver crude oil produced in the Williston Basin of North Dakota to markets and refineries in the United States requires construction at the earliest possible date.

DESCRIPTION

EPND is proposing to construct approximately 612 miles of new pipeline and associated facilities, all being located in North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The project will be referred to as the Sandpiper Pipeline Project (“Project”). The North Dakota segment of the Project will consist of approximately 299 miles of 24-inch pipe beginning at the existing Beaver Lodge Station near Tioga, North Dakota and passing through Williams, Mountrail, Ward, McHenry, Pierce, Towner, Ramsey, Nelson and Grand Forks counties. Approximately 139 miles of the 299 miles in North Dakota will follow and run parallel to existing pipelines or utility corridors, and the remaining 160 miles will involve greenfield areas where paralleling existing pipeline or utility corridors is not possible.

The Project also includes the installation of new pump station facilities and tankage at EPND’s existing Beaver Lodge, Stanley and Berthold Station sites and the construction of a new greenfield pump station near Lakota, North Dakota. Detailed descriptions of each facility are set forth in the referenced sections of the Application.

NEED

The purpose of the Sandpiper Project is to address the current demand for pipeline export capacity out of the gathering hubs within the Bakken and Three Forks production areas, as well as to provide the foundation for timely future expansions, to meet the transportation needs of this region. The Project will provide the new pipeline export capacity necessary to move current and

forecasted Bakken and Three Forks production volumes from Beaver Lodge Station near Tioga, North Dakota to EPND's affiliated Superior Terminal in Superior, Wisconsin. From Superior, EPND's shippers will have access to Midwest refineries and beyond via EPND's affiliated Enbridge Mainline System and other interconnecting third party pipelines.

In the past seven years, EPND has responded to the market demand by methodically expanding its capabilities to export more than seven times the crude oil volumes originally transported in 2005. With the increasing production volumes coming online in the Bakken and Three Forks Formations of the Williston Basin region, EPND is experiencing a rising demand for additional pipeline export capacity on its North Dakota system. Shippers' current and future transportation requirements are escalating to meet the increasing production profiles of these formations in eastern Montana and western North Dakota. This Project expands the export capacity of EPND's existing North Dakota Pipeline System to address the increased demand.

COST

The total cost of constructing the entire Sandpiper Pipeline Project is estimated at \$2.6 billion with the estimated cost of the North Dakota portion of the Project being \$1.3 billion.

JUSTIFICATION

The environmental and cultural resource studies and reports which have been commissioned by EPND for this project demonstrate that there will be minimal adverse effects by construction. As a result, EPND hereby submits that there is substantial justification as set forth under the Need section above for the requested waivers and/or reduction of time schedules and procedures as the Sandpiper Pipeline Project will produce minimal adverse effects.

