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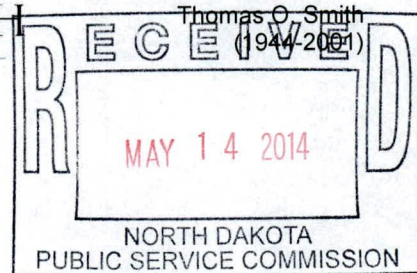


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May 13, 2014

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RE: North Dakota Pipe Line Company, LLC  
24-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline – Sandpiper Project Siting Application  
Case No. PU-13-848

Dear Mr. Hamre:

Enclosed for your file is the original Order Granting Critical Energy Infrastructure Information Protection and Affidavit of Mailing with regard to the above referenced case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrick J. Ward'.

Patrick J. Ward  
Administrative Law Judge

Enclosures

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**Order Granting Confidential Critical Energy  
Infrastructure Information Protection**

Patrick Ward, ALJ - Office of Administrative Hearings

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
BEFORE THE  
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

North Dakota Pipe Line Company, LLC  
24-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline – Sandpiper Project  
Siting Application

Case No. PU-13-848

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL CRITICAL ENERGY  
INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION PROTECTION**

1. On February 10, 2014, April 7, 2014, and April 22, 2014, North Dakota Pipe Line Company, LLC (“NDPL”) filed Applications to Protect Confidential Critical Energy Infrastructure Information pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-05-01(2)(q), asserting that the information is exempt from North Dakota Century Code § 44-04-18.

2. NDPL has filed the information with the Commission in a sealed envelope containing a CD and labeled “Critical Energy Infrastructure Information.” The information also includes GIS mapping data, GIS data, and two plots of Souris River Crossing relating to the location of the Sandpiper Pipeline.

3. NDPL asserts the information is protected critical energy infrastructure information and is entitled to nondisclosure as such under the U.S.A. Patriot Act of 2001 and other federal guidelines.

4. NDPL further asserts that the information qualifies as being exempt from public disclosure pursuant to North Dakota Century Code § 44-04-24.

5. Commission staff, as required by North Dakota Administrative Code, has responded to the NDPL request on May 9, 2014, that staff believes the information qualifies for the protection NDPL seeks.

6. Furthermore, similar but less detailed and exact information is included in the application which provides information necessary for interested parties and the public to review the project and associated factors in the siting proceeding while protecting disclosure of the critical energy infrastructure information as required by state and federal law.

7. The information sought to be protected is detailed design information and imagery pertaining to what would be classified as critical infrastructure under both state and federal law, and if publically disclosed, it would provide detailed information on the precise location and design of the critical infrastructure potentially putting the pipeline and the public at risk of terrorism or other foul play.


8. This hearing officer has fully reviewed and considered the application of NDPL and the recommendations of Commission staff, and determines that the information is relevant for the disposition of this case by the Commission and that the information is entitled to the protection sought in the application.

**IT IS, THEREFORE,**

**ORDERED** that NDPL is hereby granted the confidential critical energy infrastructure information protection that it seeks in applications filed to date.

Dated: May 13, 2014

NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

By:   
Patrick J. Ward  
Administrative Law Judge

