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**NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER**

RE: Case No. PU-13-848  
Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan

Mr. Fahn:

The Commission's June 25, 2014 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issued Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 153 and Route Permit 165 to North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC for 300 miles of 24-inch diameter crude oil pipeline in Williams, Mountrail, Ward, McHenry, Pierce, Towner, Ramsey, Nelson, and Grand Forks Counties in North Dakota.

The Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications made part of the Commission's Order required that two trees be planted for every tree removed, and that two shrubs be planted for every shrub removed. The Specifications required that tree and shrub replacements be inspected annually, in September, for three years, with the first annual inspection at least one year from the anniversary date of the original plantings. The Specifications further required that a report of each annual report be submitted to the Commission by October 1 of each year, documenting the condition of plantings and any woodlands work completed as of September of each year.

On August 14, 2014, the Commission approved North Dakota Pipeline Company's Tree and Shrub Inventory Plan. On April 11, 2019, the Commission approved North Dakota Pipeline Company's Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan and Addendum specifying that the replacement plantings would be conducted at the Berthold Station on Enbridge property in the SWNW Section 21, Township 156N, Range 86W, Ward County. On August 7, 2019, North Dakota Pipeline Company filed its first Planting Report.

As an alternative to the April 11, 2019 Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan and Addendum, North Dakota Pipeline Company respectfully requests to comply with the Commission's March 13, 2019 simplified version of the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications as referenced in the attachment to this letter.

Sincerely,

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