

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**BakkenLink Pipeline LLC
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
Cancellation / Application**

Case No. PU-18-217

ORDER

September 26, 2018

Preliminary Statement

On February 29, 2012, the Commission issued Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 128 and Route Permit Number 137 to BakkenLink Pipeline LLC (BakkenLink) for a 132-mile bi-directional 12-inch and 8-inch crude oil pipeline in Billings, Stark, McKenzie, and Williams Counties, North Dakota (Pipeline). See Case No. PU-10-218.

On September 17, 2014, the Commission issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5834 to BakkenLink for the Pipeline, to serve a catchment area that is all land within approximately ten miles on either side of the Pipeline. See Case No. PU-13-901.

On June 26, 2018, BakkenLink filed an application to cancel Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5834. On July 6, 2018, BakkenLink filed an application to replace and substitute for the June 26, 2018 filing asking to cancel or otherwise abandon Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5834.

On July 9, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing providing until August 3, 2018 to receive comments or requests for hearing. No comments or requests for hearing were received.

Discussion

In its July 6, 2018 filing, BakkenLink asserts that the original application for a Certificate of Public Necessity was made at a time when existing crude oil pipeline takeaway capacity was well below production and no additional crude oil pipeline capacity was anticipated to meet the future transportation needs of producers in the Bakken and Three Forks development area. The Pipeline was originally intended to meet this public need. BakkenLink further asserts that, since commissioning and activation of the Dakota Access Pipeline, these concerns have been alleviated to great extent with respect to current production levels.

In addition, the Commission recently granted authority to BakkenLink for the transportation of natural gas liquids or Y-Grade product through 42 miles of the Pipeline. See Case No. PU-10-218.

The Commission has reviewed the documents in this proceeding and finds that the conditions under which Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5834 was originally granted for the BakkenLink Pipeline have changed or no longer exist and a certificate of public convenience and necessity is no longer appropriate for the BakkenLink Pipeline.

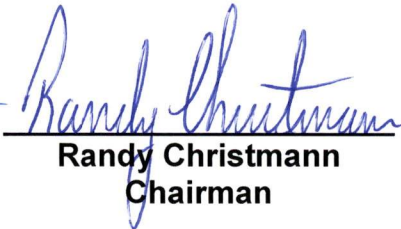
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The Commission orders that BakkenLink Pipeline LLC's application to cancel or otherwise abandon its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5834 for the BakkenLink Pipeline is GRANTED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



**Brian Kroshus
Commissioner**



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Chairman**



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Commissioner**