

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

In the Matter of the Application of Belle)
Fourche Pipeline Company for a Certificate)
of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit)
for a 20-Mile Long, 10-Inch Liquid)
Petroleum Pipeline in Billings, Dunn, and)
Stark Counties, North Dakota)
)

Case No. _____

**CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION OF BELLE FOURCHE
PIPELINE COMPANY FOR A WAIVER
OR REDUCTION OF PROCEDURES AND
TIME SCHEDULES AND FOR A
CORRIDOR CERTIFICATE AND ROUTE PERMIT**

Applicant Belle Fourche Pipeline Company (“Belle Fourche”) whose address for purposes of this Application is 455 North Poplar Street, Casper, WY 82602, 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”).

Belle Fourche 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) approve a corridor of one mile in width; (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 Belle Fourche 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 Belle Fourche'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

Belle Fourche is proposing to construct approximately 20 miles of new 10-inch new pipeline and associated facilities, all being located in Billings, Dunn and Stark Counties, North Dakota (“Project”). The Project will interconnect with Belle Fourche’s facilities at its Skunk Hill Station and its Dickinson Station.

NEED

The purpose of the Project is to supply crude oil to the Bakken Oil Express Rail Facility and also the Dakota Prairie Refining Facility, both as located in North Dakota. The Project will provide needed capacity to transport the increased production of crude oil from western North Dakota where oil production has more than tripled in the last three years. Due to the increased volumes of crude oil being transported through Belle Fourche’s existing 6-inch pipeline, which also connects the Skunk Hill Station to the Dickinson Station, this Project is necessary for Belle Fourche to meet demand for increased system capacity. The Dakota Prairie Refining Facility, when complete, will be the first greenfield refinery built in the U.S. since 1976. The Project will deliver approximately 20,000 barrels per day on average to Dakota Prairie Refining Facility, and approximately an additional 80,000 barrels per day to the Bakken Oil Express Crude Oil Rail Facility.

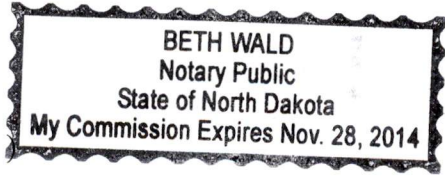
COST

The total cost of constructing the Project is estimated at \$7.9 million.

JUSTIFICATION

The environmental and cultural resource studies and reports which have been commissioned by Belle Fourche for this project demonstrate that there will be minimal adverse effects by construction. As a result, Belle Fourche hereby submits that there is substantial

(SEAL)



Beth Wald

Notary Public
Burleigh County, North Dakota
My Commission Expires:

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DEFINITIONS

APPLICANT	Belle Fourche Pipeline Company
COMPANY	Applicant's legal name is Belle Fourche Pipeline Company with its principle place of business at 455 North Poplar Street; Casper, WY 82602.
CRUDE OIL LOOP	As relating to this application, the term refers to the proposed 10-inch crude oil pipeline segment expected to be installed parallel to Belle Fourche's existing 6-inch crude oil pipeline which runs from Skunk Hills Station and Dickinson Station to supply BOE Rail Facility and the Dakota Prairie Refining facility, all in North Dakota.
CRUDE PETROLEUM	Crude petroleum is defined as a natural mixture of gaseous, liquid, and solid hydrocarbons obtained from beneath the surface of the earth
DELIVERY	A volume at a location where the hydrocarbon commodity enters the Belle Fourche Pipeline System.
LIGHT CRUDE	A commodity having a density from 600 kg/m ³ up to but not including 876kg/m ³ and a viscosity from 0.4 mm ² /s up to but not including 20 mm ² /s.
MEDIUM CRUDE	A commodity having a density from 876kg/m ³ up to but not including 904kg/m ³ and a viscosity from 20 mm ² /s up to but not including 100mm ² /s.
PADD	Petroleum Administration for Defense District – Geographic aggregations of the 50 States and the District of Columbia into five districts by the Petroleum Administration for Defense in 1950. These districts were originally instituted for economic and geographic reasons as Petroleum Administration for War (PAW) Districts, which were established in 1942 (See Tab 1 Figure 1.C.1 for geographical representation of Petroleum Administration of Defense Districts).
RECEIPT	A volume at a location where the hydrocarbon commodity enters the pipeline system.
SHIPPER	A customer, who transports volumes on the common carrier pipeline system, including crude oil producers, refiners and/or marketers.

