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Via Hand Delivery

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



In re: Meadowlark Midstream Company, LLC
Divide Lateral Pipeline Project
Divide and Williams Counties
Case No.: PU-14-223
Our File No.: 88-393-002

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed for filing ten copies of the Consolidated Application of Meadowlark Midstream Company, LLC, for a Waiver or Reduction of Procedures and Time Schedules and for a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit, as well as an electronic copy.

Please call should you have any questions. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

John W. Morrison

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
Meadowlark Midstream Company, LLC for)
a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and)
Route Permit for a 43.5 Mile Long, 8-Inch)
Liquid Petroleum Pipeline in Divide and)
Williams Counties, North Dakota)

Case No. _____

**CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION OF MEADOWLARK MIDSTREAM COMPANY,
LLC, FOR A WAIVER
OR REDUCTION OF PROCEDURES AND
TIME SCHEDULES AND FOR A
CORRIDOR CERTIFICATE AND ROUTE PERMIT**

Applicant Meadowlark Midstream Company, LLC (“Meadowlark”) whose address for purposes of this Application is 2100 McKinney Avenue, Suite 1250, Dallas, Texas 75201, 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”).

Meadowlark 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, the 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 Meadowlark 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 Meadowlark'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 conversion of the existing gathering pipeline to a transmission pipeline at the earliest possible date.

DESCRIPTION

Meadowlark is proposing to convert an existing 8-inch gathering line that is approximately 43.5 miles long and located in Divide and Williams Counties, North Dakota, to a transmission line (the "Project"). The Project will transport oil from the new Divide Pump Station ("DPS") in Divide County to the existing Colt Rail Terminal ("CRT") in Williams County. Construction associated with the Project will be limited due to the fact that it involves conversion of an existing gathering facility to a transmission facility, rather than construction of new facilities.

NEED

The purpose of the Project is to transport crude oil from the DPS to the CRT. The Project will provide needed capacity to deliver an average of 35,000 barrels of oil per day to the CRT from which it can ultimately be transported to locations in North Dakota, the United States, and Canada.

COST

The total cost of constructing the Project is estimated at \$3.5 million.

JUSTIFICATION

The environmental and cultural resource studies and reports which have been commissioned by Meadowlark for this project demonstrate that there will be minimal adverse effects of construction. As a result, Meadowlark 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 Project will produce minimal adverse effects.

