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**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** Commissioner Julie Fedorchak  
Commissioner Randy Christmann  
Commissioner Brian P. Kalk

**From:** Julie Prescott, Utility Analyst

**Subject:** PU-14-625 Targa Badlands LLC, 8-Inch Crude Pipeline Project – Mountrail Co.  
Tree and Shrub Replacement Plan

**Date:** July 29, 2015

On July 16, 2015, Lowtham Walsh LLC (Lowtham), Targa Badlands LLC's (Targa's) environmental contractor, filed with the Commission a tree and shrub replacement plan in compliance with the Commission's Order in Case No. PU-14-625, dated January 26, 2015. The Order issued Certificate of Corridor Compatibility No. 162 and Route Permit No. 174 to Targa to operate and maintain approximately 31.7 miles of 8-inch crude oil pipeline and associated facilities in Mountrail County, North Dakota.

Information provided by Lowtham indicates that 20 trees and 55 shrubs were removed during project construction, with 43 trees and 120 shrubs of the same varieties as those removed intended as replacements. Trees and shrubs will be replaced on eleven of the twelve properties from which removals took place, with one landowner declining replacement. The declined replacement trees will instead be planted at the Stanley public cemetery, at the request of the City of Stanley.

The plan as proposed exceeds the 2:1 replacement-to-removal ratio required by the tree and shrub mitigation specifications attached to the Order in this case.