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MEMORANDUM

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.
Request to Amend Tree and Shrub Replacement Plan

Date: August 12, 2015

On July 29, 2015, the Commission approved Targa Badlands LLC's (Targa's) tree and shrub replacement plan (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.

On August 12, 2015, Targa filed a request to amend the Plan. Targa requests that it be allowed to replace 37 Hawthorn shrubs identified in the Plan with 37 Canadian chokecherry shrubs, due to shortage of available, healthy nursery stock. Targa also requests a change of location for these plantings, at the landowner's request.

According to NDSU Extension Service Publication EB-38 (Revised), *Trees and Shrubs of North Dakota*, both Hawthorn and chokecherry shrubs are found throughout the state in ravines and wooded areas, and have "excellent" wildlife value, providing cover and forage (fruit, buds, wood, and foliage) for a variety of game and song birds, fur bearers, game animals, small and hoofed browsers.