

October 31, 2014

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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-4080



**RE: TESORO HIGH PLAINS PIPELINE
COMPANY, LLC - Case No. PU-14-730
Request for Supplemental Information**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

This letter is a follow up to a request received from your office for supplemental information in support of Tesoro High Plains Pipeline Company, LLC's ("THPP") Consolidated Application for Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit.

The first concern raised by Public Service Commission ("Commission") staff involved information regarding the existing THPP crude oil pipeline crossing through the Bakken Area Storage Hub (BASH) Facility site. This existing crude oil pipeline is a part of the THPP system, which has been in service since the 1950s. At the BASH site, the pipeline measures 12" in diameter. The pipeline length through the 40-acres is approximately 1,500 feet.

The second concern of Commission staff centered on possible increased traffic that may be caused by the BASH project. The siting of the 40-acres requested will not have any long term effects on roads or traffic in the area. Traffic may be increased during the construction phase, along with other normal construction impacts. However, no truck unloading will occur after the construction is complete and future traffic will be similar to current traffic. The BASH site is located away from main roads in the area, with private road access to the tank site. Based on the location of the BASH site, there will be no long term impacts to traffic or roads in the area.

Last, Commission staff inquired as to the nearest occupied residences to the BASH site. The BASH site and the 40-acres at issue is located in an industrial area, with other energy and related facilities near the site. The nearest occupied residences are located approximately one-

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half mile to one mile away from the site. Based on the industrial setting of the area, and the remoteness to any occupied residences, THPP does not anticipate that the BASH project will have any effect on residences due to traffic, construction, or operation.

If you should have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

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LAWRENCE BENDER

cc: James Sanford (*via e-mail*)

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