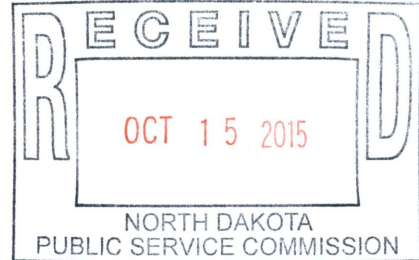


October 15, 2015



VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

**Re: Hiland Crude, LLC - Case Number
PU-14-840 – Post Construction Tree
Removal**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing, please find an original and ten (10) copies of a letter from Keitu Engineers & Consultants, Inc. regarding post construction tree removal in the above matter. Also enclosed is a CD containing the above-referenced letter in PDF format.

If you should have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lawrence Bender".

LAWRENCE BENDER

LB/dmk
Enclosures

cc: Patrick Fahn (*via e-mail w/enc.*)
Bill Wolf (*via e-mail w/enc.*)

57137149_1.DOCX

Attorneys & Advisors
main 701.221.8700
fax 701.221.8750
www.fredlaw.com

Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.
1133 College Driv
Bismarck, North [50
58501-1215

50 PU-14-840 Filed: 10/15/2015 Pages: 2
Letter re post-construction tree removal



1403 27th STREET NW
PO BOX 98
MANDAN, ND 58554-0098
701-667-1800

October 1, 2015

Mr. Patrick Fahn
Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Hiland Crude, LLC
Post-Construction Tree Removal
Case No.: PU-14-840

Dear Mr. Fahn:

Hiland Crude, LLC (Hiland) avoided impacts to trees during construction to the extent practicable in a manner compatible with safe operation, maintenance, and inspection of the pipeline. Keitu Engineers and Consultants, Inc. (Keitu) conducted a pre-construction tree survey and determined that there was a low likelihood of tree and shrub removal greater than 1" diameter from proposed construction. The proposed route was located in previously disturbed areas. Additionally, in areas where trees did exist such as the Yellowstone River, the route was horizontally directionally drilled.

Keitu's staff confirmed with a post-construction review of the installed route in the summer of 2015 that Hiland did not appear to remove any trees or shrubs greater than 1" in diameter. Therefore, no mitigation of trees and shrubs is needed.

As always, Keitu appreciates the opportunity to assist our client and the regulatory agencies with compliance. If you have any questions, please let me know. I can be reached at (701) 667-1800 or via email at kbecker@keitu.com.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karine Becker", is written over a light blue circular graphic element.

Karine Becker
Project Manager

cc: Jason Hartman / Kinder Morgan (Electronic)
Dani Krause / Frederickson & Byron