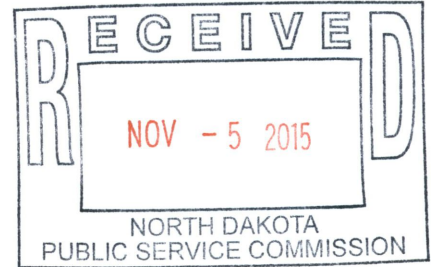


November 5, 2015



**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 an updated 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,

DANI KRAUSE

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Enclosures

cc: Patrick Fahn (*via e-mail w/enc.*)  
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**RE:** Hiland Crude, LLC  
Post-Construction Tree Removal – Revised  
Case No.: PU-14-840

Dear Mr. Fahn:

With respect to the 12-inch crude oil pipeline (the "Project") as issue in the above entitled matter, 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 Project. Keitu Engineers and Consultants, Inc. ("Keitu") conducted a pre-construction tree survey for the Project and determined that there was a low likelihood of removal for shrubs and trees greater than 1-inch diameter at breast height 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 remove any shrubs or trees greater than 1-inch 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](mailto: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 / Fredrikson & Byron