

August 14, 2017

VIA HAND-DELIVERY

Chairman Randy Christmann
Commissioner Julie Fedorchak
Commissioner Brian Kroshus
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**Re: Dakota Access, LLC
Case No. PU-14-842**

Dear Commissioners:

In a telephone conference earlier today with Public Service Commission (“PSC”) staff, a brief discussion was had relative to the Investigation Hearing scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2017. The participants of the call briefly discussed possible resolution of the issues raised.

As a result of that conference call, it is fair to say that both PSC Staff and DAPL agree that if the parties can meet in advance of a public hearing, it is likely some of the issues can be narrowed or resolved completely. Because this will benefit both the PSC and DAPL, DAPL respectfully requests that the PSC consider delaying the Investigation Hearing to allow PSC staff and DAPL to meet, confer and hopefully resolve many, if not all, of the issues to be discussed at the Investigation Hearing.

Sincerely,



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