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

The North Dakota Public Service Commission acknowledges receipt of the Company's Tree and Shrub Baseline Planting Report received on September 29, 2017. Please verify that two-year-old saplings were planted and not seedlings as stated in the report. It is our understanding that machine planting was done wherever possible and the machine planters cannot plant two-year-old saplings, only seedlings. We believe that in order to establish the baseline, correct information should be provided.

We anticipate that the Company will provide its first inspection as to survivability of the plantings discussed in the above report no later than October 1 of 2018.

Additionally, as per the settlement agreement enacted between the Commission and the Company, we anticipate that the Company will be filing its tree and shrub mitigation plan for the planting of an additional 20,000 trees in the Spring of 2018.

I will be out for a couple of weeks and back in the office on November 13, 2017. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 701-328-4153 on or after that date.

Sincerely,

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