

Memorandum

To: Commissioners Randy Christmann, Julie Fedorchak, and Brian Kroshus

From: Victor Schock - Public Utility Analyst



Date: April 28, 2017

Re: Hess North Dakota Pipelines LLC, 12-inch Crude Oil Pipeline –
McKenzie&Williams, Hawkeye NGL Pipeline – McKenzie&Williams
Tree and Shrub Replacement Plan

Case Nos. PU-15-31 and PU-15-32

On April 18, 2017 Hess North Dakota Pipelines LLC filed a Tree and Shrub Replacement Plan for its 12-inch Crude Oil pipeline permitted in case PU-15-31 and Natural Gas Liquids pipeline permitted in case PU-15-32. Hess intends to begin the plantings once soil conditions are conducive to supporting the plantings and each site can be properly prepared.

In summary, 5,526 trees and shrubs and an additional 1440 square feet of shrubs were removed during construction. The 1440 square feet of shrubs and 30 of the trees were on US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) land, which has a policy to assess a fee for the removal of trees and shrubs. USACE assessed a total fee to Hess of \$220,900 as compensation for the impact. Those trees and shrubs will not be replaced.

Additionally the North Dakota department of trust lands and Richard Stockman (private landowner) elected not to have the replacement trees and shrubs placed on their property. Hess found a suitable location for the replacements near their Tioga rail terminal. Hess intends to plant 9,626 trees and shrubs in 23 rows directly north of the rail terminal. The trees and shrubs are of the same species that were removed from the noted landowner plots.

Finally, Hess intends to plant 1386 trees and shrubs on the other landowner's properties using the same species as was removed.

A motion to approve this plan will be on the agenda for your consideration at the May 10, 2017 Commission meeting.

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