

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Application of Bridger )  
Pipeline LLC for a Certificate of Corridor )  
Compatibility and Route Permit for a 15- )  
Mile Long, 16-Inch Liquid Petroleum )  
Pipeline in Billings and Stark Counties, )  
North Dakota )

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION OF BRIDGER PIPELINE LLC  
FOR A WAIVER OR REDUCTION OF PROCEDURES AND TIME SCHEDULES  
AND FOR A CORRIDOR CERTIFICATE AND ROUTE PERMIT**

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Applicant Bridger Pipeline LLC (“Bridger”) whose address for purposes of this Application is 455 North Poplar Street, Casper, WY 82602, pursuant to the Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act, codified at North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22 (“Act”), hereby submits this Consolidated Application For a Waiver or Reduction of Procedures and Time Schedules and For a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit (“Application”).

Bridger requests that the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) waive and/or reduce procedures and time schedules required by the Act or in the Commission’s regulations set forth in Title 69-06 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, to accomplish the purposes as requested herein. These include, but are not limited to: (1) waive, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code §§ 49-22-07.2, 49-22-13(2), and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-01-02 and Chapter 69-06-06, those provisions of North Dakota Century Code §§ 49-22-08(5), 49-22-08.1(5), 49-22-13, and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-01-02 which require separate filings of such applications, separate notices of such applications, separate hearings on

such applications and certain time schedules as set forth in said statutes and rules; (2) allow consolidation of the certificate of corridor compatibility application and route permit application into one application; (3) approve a corridor of one mile in width; (4) hold one consolidated public hearing on this Application; (5) find that the proposed facilities are of such design, length, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse affects; and (6) designate and approve the requested facilities as identified in this Application and issue the appropriate corridor certificate and route permit.

The Commission's application guidelines for waiver of procedures and time schedules require the description of the facility, the need for the facility, the cost of the facility and justification for each provision of the Act for which Bridger is requesting a waiver, together with evidence that the project will produce minimal adverse effects or that a demonstrable emergency exists. As demonstrated in this Application, and summarized below, each of Bridger's requests for waivers and/or reductions of procedures and time schedules and the issuance of a corridor certificate and route permit are justified as the proposed facilities are of such design, length, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects, and that the urgent demand for additional pipeline capacity to deliver crude oil produced in the Williston Basin of North Dakota to markets and refineries in the United States requires construction at the earliest possible date.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Bridger is proposing to construct approximately 15 miles of new 16-inch pipeline and associated facilities, all being located in Billings and Stark Counties, North Dakota ("Project").

The Project will interconnect with Bridger's facilities at its Skunk Hill Station and its Fryburg Station.

### **NEED**

The Project will provide needed capacity to transport the increased production of crude oil from western North Dakota. Due to the increased volumes of crude oil being transported through Bridger's existing 8-inch pipeline, which also connects the Skunk Hill Station to the Fryburg Station, this Project is necessary for Bridger to meet demand for increased system capacity. This additional pipeline will increase the capacity of the system by 125,000 barrels per day (bpd) on an annual average.

### **COST**

The total cost of constructing the Project is estimated at \$10.4 million.

### **JUSTIFICATION**

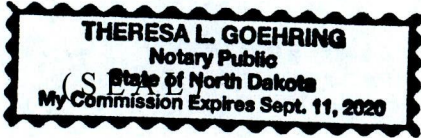
The environmental and cultural resource studies and reports which have been commissioned by Bridger for this project demonstrate that there will be minimal adverse effects by construction. As a result, Bridger hereby submits that there is substantial justification as set forth under the Need section above for the requested waivers and/or reduction of time schedules and procedures as the Project will produce minimal adverse effects.

Bridger respectfully requests the Commission to grant the requested waivers and/or reduction of procedures and time schedules; and to render an expeditious decision approving the requested corridor certificate and route permit.





Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.



*Theresa L. Goehring*

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Notary Public  
Burleigh County, North Dakota  
My Commission Expires:

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