

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Vantage Pipeline US, LP
Ethane Pipeline – Williams
and Divide Counties, North Dakota

CASE NO. PU-_____

**CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION OF
VANTAGE PIPELINE US, LP FOR A WAIVER
OR REDUCTION OF PROCEDURES AND
TIME SCHEDULES AND FOR A
CORRIDOR CERTIFICATE AND ROUTE PERMIT**

Vantage Pipeline US, LP (“Applicant”) whose address for purposes of this application is 4000, 585 8th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta Canada T2P 1G1, 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”).

Applicant 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, and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-01-02 and Chapter 69-06-06; 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) acknowledge the study area of 500 feet centered on the pipeline; and approve a 500-foot wide corridor; (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 the Applicant 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 the Applicant'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 ethane by the petrochemical industry in Canada requires construction at the earliest possible date.

DESCRIPTION

Applicant is proposing to construct approximately 47.3 miles of preferred route or 49.1 miles of alternative route, of 8-inch diameter pipeline commencing at Oneok Partners, LP Stateline II Gas Processing Plant near Williston, North Dakota, and tying into Applicant's existing ethane pipeline near Stady, North Dakota. The existing pipeline was approved by this

Commission in Case No. PU-11-109. The maximum design flow rate of the pipeline will be 30,000 barrels per day of ethane. No pump stations will be located within the State of North Dakota. Above ground facilities include an internal inspection launcher located at the Stateline II plant site; a custody transfer meter station also at the gas plant site; and four above ground mainline block valves. This project is known as the Vantage West Spur Lateral Pipeline (West Spur Pipeline).

NEED

Natural gas production in North Dakota is now at a level that makes it economically feasible to extract ethane from the natural gas to sell to ethane consumers. A new byproduct market has been created for operators of natural gas processing facilities in this state. The purpose of the West Spur Pipeline is to efficiently transport liquid ethane supplies derived from existing natural gas facilities located in the Williston Basin of North Dakota in order to meet the market demand created by the petrochemical industry located in the Province of Alberta, Canada; which has indicated the need to acquire new supplies of ethane. The Applicant has entered into a long-term agreement with Oneok Partners LP and Nova Chemicals Corporation to transport ethane from the Stateline II gas plant to Nova's Joffre Petrochemical Complex in Alberta Canada. Ethane is used as a feedstock for petrochemical facilities. The ethane will be converted to ethylene, which is a building block for a wide range of consumer and industrial products, such as plastics, antifreeze, rubber, detergents, and solvents. Each requested waiver and/or reduction of procedures and times schedules as requested in this Application are separately and collectively justified based upon this need.

COST

The cost of construction of the West Spur Pipeline is approximately \$20 million (US).

JUSTIFICATION

The environmental and cultural resource studies and reports which have been commissioned by the Applicant for this project demonstrate that there will be minimal adverse effects by construction. As a result, Applicant 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 West Spur Pipeline will produce minimal adverse effects.

Applicant 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.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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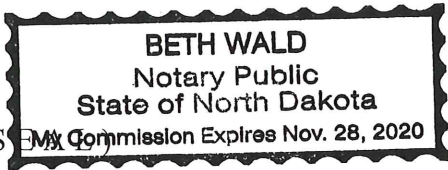
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BRIAN R. BJELLA (#03549)


STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
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COUNTY OF BURLEIGH)

Brian R. Bjella, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that he is the attorney for the applicant herein named, that he has read the above and foregoing application, knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true to the best of this affiant's knowledge, information, and belief.


BRIAN R. BJELLA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of April, 2015.


(S) My Commission Expires Nov. 28, 2020


Beth Wald, Notary Public
Burleigh County, North Dakota
My Commission Expires: 11/28/20