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Subject: NST Express, LLC's (NST) Consolidated Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit, and Waiver Application  
Case No. PU-15-232

Dear Ms. Smith:

Thank you for your November 16, 2015 letter notifying the Commission of NST's request to amend its Consolidated Application. The original Consolidated Application specifies the use of 12-inch CS, API-5L, X52 pipe with a nominal wall thickness of 0.375 inches in all areas except for the use of 12-inch CS, API-5L, X52 pipe with a nominal wall thickness of 0.500 inches for waterbody, road and railroad crossings. In its amendment (Amendment), NST proposes the use of 12-inch CS, API-5L X60 pipe with a nominal wall thickness of 0.250 inches in all areas except for the use of 12-inch CS, API-5L X60 pipe with a nominal wall thickness of 0.375 inches at waterbody, road and railroad crossings, and the use of CS, API-5L, X52 pipe with a nominal wall thickness of 0.500 inches for the Yellowstone River Crossing.

The Commission discussed the Amendment at its December 2, 2015 meeting and requests additional information.

- What event prompted the NST decision to change pipe specifications after the public hearing and after the Commission approved the location for the pipeline?
- Provide specifics comparing the original pipe and the proposed pipe to 49 CFR Part 195 minimum standards including yield strength and corrosion resistance of the steel, the pipe coating thickness and type, etc.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 701-328-4077 or email to [pfahn@nd.gov](mailto:pfahn@nd.gov).

Best regards

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Request for additional information

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