



**NST Express, LLC Pipeline Project**

**Pre-Construction Conference**

**March 24, 2016**

**Case No. PU-15-232**

**Meeting Minutes**

**List of Attendees:**

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*Start time: 1:30 PM*

Patrick Fahn reviewed the Certification provisions, portions of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order (“Order”), and applicable provisions of the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications.

**Discussed:**

The following items were discussed during the call:

- NST Express will file copies of permits and licenses, as well as the SHPO concurrence letter referenced in Order Paragraph No. 7, prior to beginning the associated construction activities.
- The pre-construction meeting minutes, pre-construction notice, and monthly activity reports should be filed electronically ([ndpsc@nd.gov](mailto:ndpsc@nd.gov)), with copies sent to Patrick Fahn and Emmy Baskerville. All communications with the PSC Construction Inspectors should be sent to Emmy Baskerville, who will distribute to others at Houston Engineering, Inc.
- Monthly activity reports should describe the construction activities that have occurred, and include the location (milepost) where the activities are occurring. NST Express plans to submit maps and GIS data showing the location of the construction activities as part of the monthly activity reports.
- With respect to health/safety requirements when the PSC Construction Inspectors are on-site, the inspectors should report to Chris Thompson prior to entry onto the site/ROW. Chris’s contact information will be included in the pre-construction notification.
- NST Express’s Contractor will have separate crews for pipeline construction and facility construction. The pipeline will be constructed as a single spread.
- Although not required by the Order or Certification, Patrick Fahn requested that the PSC Construction Inspectors be on site when topsoil removal begins on the pipeline ROW. At this time, NST Express does not know exactly when topsoil removal will begin on the pipeline ROW, but NST Express will provide the PSC

Construction Inspectors with an anticipated date range, and at least 1-2 days' notice of the actual start date. The PSC Construction Inspectors do not need to be on-site for topsoil removal at the Alexander Facility site – since the construction area will host facilities, topsoil will be spread on the rest of the NST Express-owned site, rather than replaced at its original location.

- Examples of extraordinary events include the sighting of an endangered species and a reportable spill.
- The PSC Construction Inspectors would like to see the as-builts, and plan to obtain copies of the as-builts from the PSC's electronic docket after they are filed pursuant to Certification Paragraph No. 29.
- Per the Order, NST Express will bore beneath two cultural resources, and will reduce the construction ROW to avoid an unevaluated site lead. Cultural resources will be marked to enable the construction crews and PSC Construction Inspectors to identify their location and avoid impacts.
- Per the Order, NST Express will retain environmental and safety inspectors during construction.
- Per the Order, NST Express will install the pipeline a minimum of 50 feet below the bottom of the Yellowstone River.

**Adjourned.**

*End Time: 2:10 PM*