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**RE: Post Construction Inspection, Case No. PU-15-232  
NST Express, LLC 12-inch Crude Oil Pipeline – McKenzie County**

Dear Ms. Smith:

The North Dakota Public Service Commission retained Houston Engineering, Inc. (HE) to complete a construction inspection under the authority provided for in the above referenced case. Below is a weblink to HE's Permit Compliance Inspection Report #4 for your review and a link to the Commission's October 14, 2015 Order in this proceeding.

In the Executive Summary of the Permit Compliance Inspection Report #4, HE notes that the pipe at STE 662+00.0 is buried only 3.4 feet deep rather than 4 feet deep as required by the Commission's Order.

Permit Compliance Inspection Report #4 can be found at:  
<https://psc.nd.gov/database/documents/15-0232/082-010.pdf>  
The Commission Order can be found at:  
<https://psc.nd.gov/database/documents/15-0232/035-040.pdf>

Please confirm HE's finding and provide, within 30 days, documentation to the Commission describing actions and timelines that have been or will be undertaken to correct this concern.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 701-328-4077.

Best regards,

Patrick Fahn  
Director - Public Utilities Division