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June 17, 2015

Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Director  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, NO 58505-0480

RE: Tesoro High Plains Pipeline Company LLC  
Certification Letter for Keene to Charlson Crude Oil Pipeline, McKenzie County, ND

Dear Sir:

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In accordance with North Dakota Century Code 49-22-03(3) (2009), this letter is to notify the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) that Tesoro High Plains Pipeline Company LLC (THPP) is proposing to construct and operate approximately 7.35 miles of transmission pipeline from Tesoro's Keene Station to Charlson Station, in McKenzie County, North Dakota. (see attached Site Location Map)

The proposed Keene Station to Charlson Station pipeline is adjacent to an existing THPP crude oil pipeline. This existing crude oil pipeline is a part of the THPP System, which has been in service since the 1950s. As such, the existing THPP pre-dates North Dakota's Siting Act and thereby proposed project qualifies for construction within the 350 ft. limit from the center line of the existing pipeline through the Certification Process, N.D.C.C. 49-22-03(3)(a) (2009).

Tesoro certifies that this construction project will be restricted to 350 ft. of either side of the existing crude oil pipeline. Tesoro also certifies that there are no residences, schools or businesses located within 500 feet of the pipeline to be constructed. Tesoro intends to begin earthwork and installation of concrete foundations for these new facilities in fall 2016.

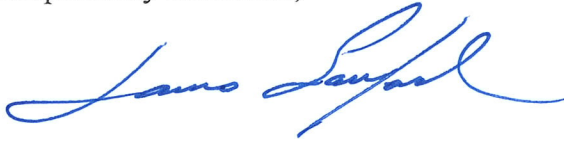
Also, Tesoro certifies that the construction of the proposed Keene Station to Charlson Station pipeline will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance areas, as defined in North Dakota Administrative Code 69-06-08-02 (2009). Please refer to the enclosed "Avoidance/Exclusion Area and Resources Analysis" document prepared by Apex TITAN, Inc. dated June 2015. Additionally, Tesoro certifies that it will perform all work on this construction project within the rules and regulations of other agencies that have jurisdiction.

For this project, applicable building construction permits are being obtained from the McKenzie County.

Upon your request Tesoro is willing to have a pre-construction conference regarding this project. Plans currently call for construction activities to begin in late 2016.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. I can be reached at 210-626-6507 for any questions or further information that may be needed.

Respectfully submitted,



James Sanford, Director  
Right of Way & Real Estate  
Tesoro Logistics GP LLC

Attachments:

1. Certification Affidavit from Tesoro
  2. Project Location Map
  3. Inventory of Exclusion and Avoidance Areas: Targa Keene to Charlson Station Project – 7.35 Miles, McKenzie County, North Dakota
  4. Federally-listed Threatened and Endangered Species Habitat Assessment: Targa Keene to Charlson Station Project – 7.35 Miles, McKenzie County, North Dakota
  5. Potential Waters of the United States Assessment: : Targa Keene to Charlson Station Project – 7.35 Miles, McKenzie County, North Dakota
  6. Targa Keene to Charlson Pipeline: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in McKenzie County, North Dakota
  7. State Historical Society of North Dakota Concurrence Letter
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