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Good morning Mr. Stelzer,

Based on the information at our office and information provided by in this email, below is my summary:

For purposes of Tree and Shrub Mitigation, Sacagawea Pipeline Company, LLC combined the tree and shrub mitigation requirements from Case No. PU-15-114, Case No. PU-15-670, and Case No. PU-15-744 into one tree and shrub mitigation plan.

- During construction of the project in Case No. PU-15-114, 595 trees/shrubs were removed, so a minimum of 1190 trees/shrub replacement plantings were required.
- During construction of the project in Case No. PU-15-670, no trees/shrubs were removed.
- During construction of the project in Case No. PU-15-744, 519 trees/shrubs were removed, so a minimum of 1038 trees/shrub replacement plantings were required.

The total number of trees/shrub replacement plantings required for the combined tree and shrub mitigation plan was a minimum of 2,228.

In 2018, McKenzie County planted 860 tree/shrub replacements (2,228 replacement plantings were required). After the 2018 growing season, McKenzie County found that 203 trees/shrubs had died. Those were replaced in either the fall of 2018 or the spring of 2019 to bring the total replacement plantings back to 860.

After the 2019 growing season, McKenzie County found that 45 trees/shrubs had died. Those were replaced in either the fall of 2019 or the spring of 2020 to again bring the total replacement plantings back to 860.

After the 2020 growing season, McKenzie County found that 99 trees/shrubs had died. Those were replaced in either the fall of 2020 or the spring of 2021 to again bring the total replacement plantings back to 860.

It still appears Sacagawea Pipeline Company, LLC is in noncompliance with the Commission's January 5, 2016 Order by planting only 860 tree/shrub replacements in 2018 rather than 2,228 tree/shrub replacements.

Please file any additional information to show that Sacagawea Pipeline Company, LLC is in compliance with the Commission's January 5, 2016 Order regarding tree and shrub mitigation.

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Mr. Fahn,

Attached please find planting and monitoring reports from 2018-2020 as well as an email from NRCS personnel re: the numbers of trees planted and losses as explained in the reports. I am also attaching the Tree and Shrub mitigation plan submitted to and approved by PSC staff in 2016 for reference. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

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