

July 21, 2016



**VIA E-MAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P.'s Consolidated Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit, and Waiver Application  
Case No. PU-15-674**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On February 24, 2016, the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order") granting Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 181 and Route Permit Number 193 to NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P. ("NuStar") for an 8-inch diameter refined products pipeline and associated facilities ("Project"). On June 20, 2016, NuStar filed with the Commission a Certification Relating to North Dakota Century Code § 49-22-16.3 ("Route Modification Certification"), and supporting documentation, regarding a route adjustment within the corridor designated for the Project ("Designated Corridor"), which is necessary to change the Project's point of origination and enable a direct connection with Cenex Pipeline, LLC's ("Cenex") existing Laurel Pipeline. In a letter dated June 24, 2016, the Commission acknowledged receipt of the Route Modification Certification filing.

In the Route Modification Certification, NuStar stated that it would separately inform the Commission of the facility modifications necessary for the direct interconnect, in accordance with Provision No. 31 of the Certification Relating to Order Provisions – Transmission Facility Siting, incorporated into the Order. In addition, NuStar has identified other necessary facility modifications, all of which will be within the Designated Corridor. Therefore, in accordance with Certification Provision No. 31, NuStar provides the following information regarding planned Project facility modifications:

1. To facilitate direct interconnection of NuStar's 8-inch diameter refined products pipeline to Cenex's existing Laurel Pipeline, NuStar plans to construct a direct pipe to pipe connection at the northern end of NuStar's 8-inch diameter refined products pipeline. Facilities to be installed include the following: valves, metering equipment, manifolds, traps, a control building, communications equipment and associated piping and appurtenances.

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2. NuStar originally planned to install a pump station and associated facilities within Cenex's previously proposed Fargo Terminal site, at the northern end of NuStar's 8-inch diameter refined products pipeline. However, the terminal is now proposed to be in Mapleton Township at a site crossed by NuStar's 8-inch refined products pipeline. As a result, NuStar now plans to install the pump station and associated facilities for its 8-inch diameter refined products pipeline at NuStar's Mapleton Junction site, located at the southern end of the Project. The facilities to be installed at the Mapleton Junction site include the following: metering equipment, manifolds, traps, pumping equipment, pump building, Variable Frequency Drive equipment building, communications equipment and associated piping and appurtenances.
3. Within a new proposed terminal site in Mapleton Township, and within NuStar's Designated Corridor, NuStar plans to install the following equipment: manifolds, communications equipment, traps, a control building and associated piping and appurtenances.

Enclosed are two copies of a Project overview map, as well as a copy of this letter. As noted above, all facility modifications will be within the Designated Corridor, which was previously field surveyed for cultural resources and wetlands (and covered by previously filed reports and State Historical Society of North Dakota concurrences), and no exclusion or avoidance areas will be impacted.

If you have questions regarding the planned Project facility modifications, please feel free to contact Michael Dillinger with NuStar, whose contact information is as follows:

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Electronic copies of this letter and the enclosed map were filed today with the Commission via e-mail. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mollie M. Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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Enclosures

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