

January 13, 2017

VIA 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:

NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P. ("NuStar") is developing a refined products pipeline and associated facilities known as the Laurel Interconnect Pipeline Project ("Project") in Cass County, North Dakota. 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 No. 181 and Route Permit No. 193 to NuStar for the Project. At the time the Order was issued, Cenex Pipeline, LLC ("Cenex") was proposing to construct an aboveground storage tank terminal at the northern end of NuStar's pipeline.

After the Order was issued, Cenex decided to move its proposed terminal location from the northern end of NuStar's pipeline to a location in Mapleton Township, which is crossed by the route and corridor designated for NuStar's Project ("Designated Route and Corridor"). Thereafter, NuStar, in coordination with Cenex, decided to construct, own, and operate the proposed terminal in Mapleton Township ("Mapleton Terminal") as part of the Project. The proposed Mapleton Terminal site and associated potential temporary construction workspace areas are crossed by, but extend beyond, the Project's Designated Route and Corridor.

Therefore, pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code ("N.D.A.C.") § 69-06-05-02(3), and North Dakota Century Code § 49-22-07.2 and N.D.A.C. Ch. 69-06-06, respectively, enclosed please find the original and ten copies of this letter and the following documents:

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1. NuStar's Route and Corridor Adjustment Request;
2. Certification of Michael P. Dillinger, and accompanying Exhibits (the original executed Certification will be provided under separate cover);
3. Application for Waiver of Procedures and Time Schedules ("Waiver Request");
4. Black and white map for publication; and
5. Affidavit of Service.

As set forth in the Waiver Request, NuStar respectfully requests that the Commission grant the requested waivers and issue a Notice of Filing and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing as soon as possible. NuStar further requests that the Commission determine the matter without a hearing absent receipt of a hearing request within the designated time period by an interested party showing good cause.

Electronic copies of the above-referenced documents and this letter are provided on the enclosed CD. By copy of this letter, the enclosed documents are being served on the Cass County Auditor.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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