

January 25, 2022

VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Patrick Fahn
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North Dakota Public Service Commission
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**RE: NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P.
8-inch Refined Products Pipeline – Cass County
Case No. PU-15-674**

Dear Mr. Fahn:

NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P. (“NuStar”) received your letter, dated January 14, 2022, regarding an item identified in the Final Permit Compliance Inspection Report prepared by the North Dakota Public Service Commission’s third-party inspector, filed on March 25, 2021. Specifically, the report states that during the 2019 final inspection of the Laurel Interconnect Pipeline Project (“Project”), minor areas of bare earth and tire rutting along 165th Ave SE were noted.

The Project has been operational since 2017, and NuStar is not aware of any outstanding reclamation items for the Project, including along 165th Ave SE. Given the amount of snow at the site, NuStar is not able to field-verify that the issues noted above have been addressed, but plans to confirm that Project-related reclamation in the areas along 165th Ave SE has been completed this coming spring and will report back to Commission Staff accordingly.

Two hard copies of this letter were sent to the Commission via Federal Express, and an electronic copy of this letter was filed today with the Commission via e-mail. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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