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**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** Commissioner Julie Fedorchak  
Commissioner Randy Christmann  
Commissioner Brian P. Kalk

**From:** Sara Cardwell<sup>SC</sup>, Public Utility Analyst

**Subject:** PU-15-114 Sacagawea Pipeline Company, LLC, 16-inch Crude Oil Pipeline –  
McKenzie & Mountrail  
PU-15-670 Sacagawea Pipeline Company, LLC, 12-inch Crude Oil Pipeline –  
Mountrail County  
PU-15-744 Sacagawea Pipeline Company, LLC, 16-inch Crude Oil Pipeline –  
McKenzie County  
Tree and Shrub Replacement Plan

**Date:** November 4, 2015

On November 2, 2016, Sacagawea Pipeline Company, LLC, filed a tree and shrub replacement plan for the three above cases in compliance with the Commission's Orders and the Certification Relating to Order Provisions, Transmission Facility Siting with accompanying Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications that the Company signed for each of these projects.

Information provided for each case is as follows:

PU-15-114 – 595 trees and shrubs were removed during construction necessitating the planting of 1190 trees and shrubs to meet the 2:1 planting requirement.

PU-15-744 – 519 trees and shrubs were removed during construction necessitating the planting of 1038 trees and shrubs to meet the 2:1 planting requirement.

PU-15-670 – No trees and shrubs were removed during project construction so no plantings are necessary.

The Company has contracted with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) offices in both McKenzie and Mountrail counties to plant and monitor the trees and shrubs. Of the trees and shrubs that will be planted, 1,672 will be planted as per landowner requests and the remaining 556 trees will be planted at locations to be determined by the NRCS. The trees and shrubs planted will be of the same or similar varieties as those removed. While the NRCS does not typically recommend the Siberian Elm as it can be considered invasive in certain areas of the state, the NRCS will be planting this tree at sites where the soil type and, or owner believes this species has a greater chance of survival than other species.

A motion to approve the plan will be on the agenda for your consideration at the November 30, 2016 Commission meeting.