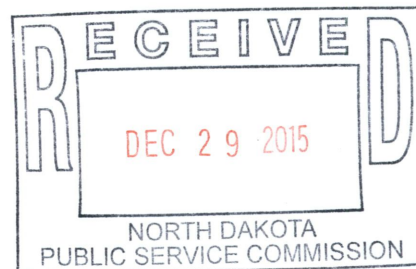


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December 29, 2015

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



In re: ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C.  
Bear Creek NGL Pipeline Project  
Dunn & McKenzie Counties  
Our File No. 72-591-006

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten copies of the following:

- 1) ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C.'s Consolidated Application for a Waiver or Reduction of Procedures and Time Frame;
- 2) ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C.'s Consolidated Application for Corridor Compatibility Certificate and Route Permit in Dunn and McKenzie Counties, North Dakota;
- 3) ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C.'s check in the amount of \$100,000;
- 4) Publication Map; and
- 5) Affidavit of Service by Mail.

We are also enclosing an electronic version of the application for your convenience.

Please call should you have any questions.

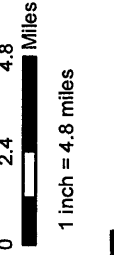
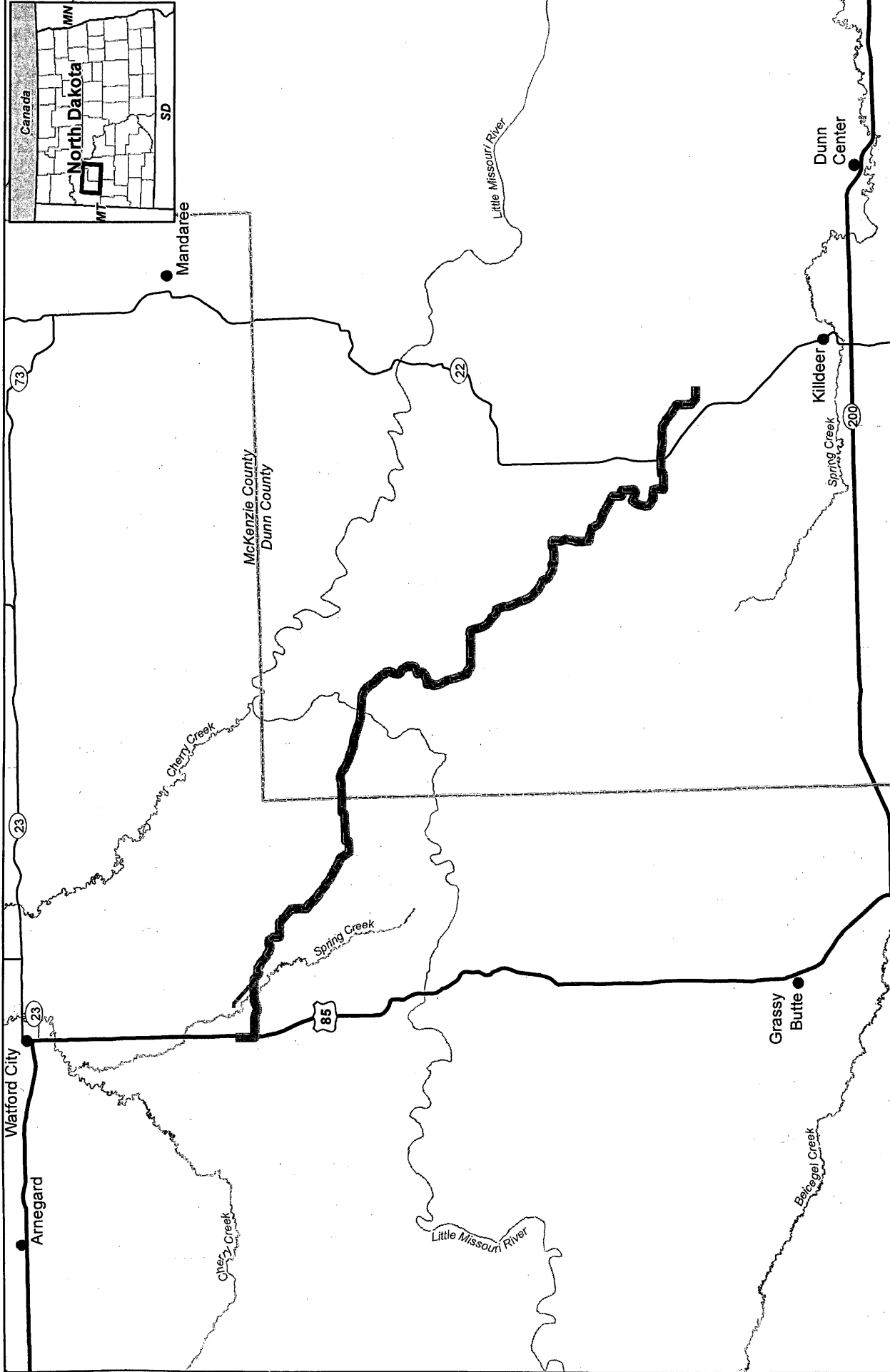
Very truly yours,



John W. Morrison

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cc: McKenzie County Auditor (via U.S. Mail)  
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**ONEOK Bakken Pipeline  
8-inch Bear Creek NGL Pipeline Project  
Project Location Map**

- Preferred Route
- Alternative Route

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Application of ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C. for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for an approximately 38-Mile Long, 8-Inch NGL Pipeline in McKenzie and Dunn Counties, North Dakota

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION OF ONEOK BAKKEN PIPELINE, L.L.C.  
FOR A WAIVER OR REDUCTION OF PROCEDURES AND  
TIME SCHEDULES AND FOR A  
CORRIDOR CERTIFICATE AND ROUTE PERMIT**

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Applicant ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C. (“ONEOK”) whose address for purposes of this Application is ONEOK Plaza, 100 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, pursuant to the Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act, codified at North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22 (“Act”), hereby submits this Consolidated Application For a Waiver or Reduction of Procedures and Time Schedules and For a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit (“Application”).

ONEOK requests that the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Waive and/or reduce procedures and time schedules required by the Act or in the Commission’s regulations set forth in Title 69-06 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, to accomplish the purposes as requested herein. These include, but are not limited to: (1) waive pursuant to North Dakota Century Code §§ 49-22-07.2, 49-22-13(2), and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-01-02 and Chapter 69-06-06, those provisions of North Dakota Century Code §§ 49-22-08(5),

49-22-08.1(5), 48-22-13, and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-01-02 which require separate filings of such applications and certain time schedules as set forth in said statutes and rules; (2) allow consolidation of the certificate of corridor compatibility application and route permit application into a single consolidated application; (3) approve a corridor less than the minimum required by North Dakota Administrative Code 69-06-05-01(2)(f); (4) find that the proposed facilities are of such design, length, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse affects; and (5) designate and approve the requested facilities as identified in this Application and issue the appropriate corridor certificate and route permit.

The Commission's application guidelines for waiver of procedures and time schedules require the description of the facility, the need for the facility, the cost of the facility and separate justification for each provision of the Act for which the Applicant is requesting a waiver, together with evidence that the project will produce minimal adverse effects or that a demonstrable emergency exists. As demonstrated in this Application, and summarized below, Applicant's requests for waivers and/or reductions of procedures and time schedules and the issuance of a corridor certificate and route permit are justified as the proposed facilities are of such design, length, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects, and that the pipeline for which approval is sought is essential to allow the Bear Creek Gas Plant to begin processing natural gas and operate at full capacity, thereby minimizing the flaring of natural gas produced in association with oil.

### **DESCRIPTION**

The proposed project ("Bear Creek NGL Pipeline") consists of construction of approximately 38 miles of 8-inch pipeline commencing at the Bear Creek Gas Plant (the "BCGP") in Dunn County, North Dakota, and terminating at an interconnect with applicant's

existing Targa Pipeline in McKenzie County, North Dakota. The BCGP is a gas plant currently being constructed by ONEOK Rockies Midstream, LLC which has not been sited by the Commission because the design capacity of the plant is less than one hundred million cubic feet of gas per day.

### **NEED**

The purpose of the Bear Creek NGL Pipeline is to transport natural gas liquids (“NGLs”) from the BCGP to an existing NGL transmission system for delivery to facilities in the Mid-Continent and Gulf Coast for additional processing prior to distribution to various markets. Processing of the natural gas is essential to allow the natural gas produced in association with crude oil to be saved and sold rather than flared. Recovery of NGLs is an essential component of that processing. The Bear Creek NGL Pipeline will allow approximately 14,000 barrels per day of NGLs to be transported to market. Alternatives to the pipeline include trucking, which would result in 59 tanker trucks per day being loaded at the BCGP, transported to a rail-car terminal, and off-loaded. The other alternative would be shipping the NGLs by railcar, but the economics of building rail facilities and the hazards of rail transportation compared to pipeline transportation render this alternative impractical.

### **COST**

The estimated cost of constructing the pipeline is approximately \$45 million.

### **JUSTIFICATION**

The environmental and cultural resource studies and reports which have been commissioned by the Applicant for this project demonstrate that there will be minimal adverse effects by construction. As a result, Applicant hereby submits that there is substantial



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**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL**

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA     )  
  )§  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH     )

Lisa Herberholz, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says: That she is a citizen of the United States over the age of eighteen years and not a party to, nor interested in, the above entitled action.

That on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015, this affiant did deposit in the United States Post office at Bismarck, North Dakota, a true and correct copy of the following document:

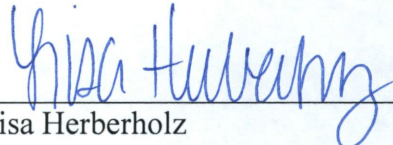
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That the document with postage prepaid was mailed, directed to the persons to be served at their last known post office address as follows:

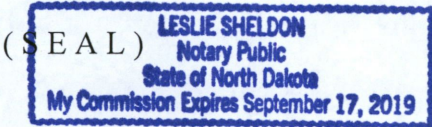
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To the best of affiant's knowledge, the addresses above given were the actual post office addresses of the parties intended to be served.

  
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Lisa Herberholz

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.



*Leslie Sheldon*

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Notary Public  
Burleigh County, North Dakota  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_