



January 6, 2016

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol Building  
Department 408  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Case No. 10,268

Dear Ladies & Gentlemen:

As previously communicated to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (the **Commission**), Dakota Gasification Company (**DGC**) wishes to replace an approximately 1.1-mile length of its synthetic natural gas pipeline located in the SW1/4 of Section 30, Township 145 North, Range 87 West and the N1/2 and SE1/4 of Section 25, Township 145 North, Range 88 West in Mercer County, North Dakota.

As DGC is unable to run an intelligent pigging tool inside this run of the pipeline, DGC hopes to replace the pipeline in the location indicated in the attached Exhibit 1 (the **Replacement Line**).

DGC hired AECOM to perform a Replacement Line pedestrian survey 300 feet on either side of the Replacement Line centerline so as to determine if the Replacement Line and the activities associated with the Replacement Line will affect any known exclusion or avoidance area. AECOM's report is attached as Exhibit 2. AECOM's report recommends a *Finding of No Historical Properties Affected*.

Based upon that report and as required by subsection 3(3) of the North Dakota Century Code Section 49-22-03, DGC hereby certifies to the Commission that the Replacement Line and the activities relating to the Replacement Line will not affect any known "exclusion area" or "avoidance area" as those terms are defined by Section 69-06-08-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code and that in undertaking construction of the Replacement Line, DGC certifies that it will comply with all of the applicable conditions and protections required by North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22, Chapter 69-06 of the North Dakota Administrative Code and the conditions of Permit No. 47 and the Order of the Commission dated December 23, 1982 in Case No. 10,268.

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Certification regarding exclusion and avoidance areas with supporting documentation



Dakota Gasification Company

David J. Sauer

For the record, DGC also certifies that no trees or shrubs will be impacted by construction of the Replacement Line.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David J. Sauer", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

David J. Sauer  
Vice President & Chief Operating Officer

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Attachments: Exhibit 1, Map of Replacement Line  
Exhibit 2, DGC Reroute: A Class III Cultural  
Resource Inventory Mercer County, North Dakota Report