

July 1, 2016

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



**RE: BakkenLink Pipeline LLC's
Ten-Year Plan for 2016-2026
Case No. PU-16-___**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed herewith for filing an original and ten copies of the following:

1. BakkenLink Pipeline LLC's 2016 Ten-Year Plan; and
2. BakkenLink Pipeline LLC's Notice of Filing Ten Year Plan: 2016-2026.

A CD containing the above-referenced documents in PDF format is also enclosed. Should you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

DANIELLE M. KRAUSE

Enclosures

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2016 Ten Year Plan

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TEN YEAR PLAN: 2016-2026

BakkenLink Pipeline LLC

July 2016

In accordance with Section 49-22-04 of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 69-06-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, BakkenLink Pipeline LLC (BakkenLink), submits the following Ten Year Plan for years 2016 through 2026.

- (1) *A description of the general location, size, and type of all facilities to be owned or operated by the utility during the ensuing ten years, as well as those facilities to be removed from service during the ten-year period.*

The current Project consists of approximately 132 miles of 8-inch and 12-inch steel crude oil pipeline extending from Beaver Lodge, North Dakota to a crude oil rail loading facility located near Fryburg, North Dakota. The Project is located in the following North Dakota counties: Billings, McKenzie, Stark, and Williams. The segment of the Project originating at the Johnsons Corner area in McKenzie County to Fryburg in Billings County was placed into operation in 2013. The northernmost segment of the Project received final federal approval related to the lands crossed by this segment of the Project under the jurisdiction of federal agencies and is awaiting ND State Sovereign Lands permit approval.

Receipt points were constructed for input of product by other entities. Receipt points consist of a tee installed in the pipeline to allow connection to a truck terminal or other producer related facilities that are not a part of this Project and were constructed by other entities.

- (2) *An identification of the location of the tentative preferred site for all energy conversion facilities and the tentative location of all transmission facilities on which construction is intended to be commenced within the ensuing five years and such other information as may be required by the commission. The site and corridor identification shall be made in compliance with the criteria published by the commission pursuant to section 49-22-05.1.*

There are no energy conversion facilities associated with the BakkenLink project.

BakkenLink evaluated a study area to determine the best location for the placement of the corridor and route in order to minimize any potential land use and environmental impacts, maximize public benefits, and take into consideration design and construction limitations and economics. The selected location of the route within the corridor was made in compliance with Chapter 49-22-05.1, as discussed in the Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit, Amendment to Application, and the Commission's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order in Case No. PU-10-218.

At this time, BakkenLink has no firm plans to construct additional pipeline facilities outside the Project area within the next five years, however BakkenLink is considering new projects that would connect the pipeline system to Dakota Access Pipeline and Tesoro High Plains Pipeline adding optionality via new outlets to accommodate the current and forecasted crude oil production in western North Dakota.

(3) *A description of the efforts by the utility to coordinate the plan with other utilities so as to provide a coordinated regional plan for meeting the utility needs of the region.*

BakkenLink will continue to reach out to and work with the owners of other crude oil pipelines to develop interconnects in order to maximize the efficient use of collective pipeline capacity within western North Dakota. In some cases pipelines do compete for some of the same business which may restrict the ability to coordinate. In the future, additional receipt points may be developed, as well as outlet connections with third party pipelines, including potentially the Enbridge North Dakota pipeline system, the Dakota Access Pipeline, the Tesoro High Plains Pipeline system, and the Bridger Pipeline system. Additionally, the strategic position of the Project will encourage the development of pipeline gathering laterals, receipt points, and outlet connections with third party pipelines along the pipeline route.

(4) *A description of the efforts to involve environmental protection and land-use planning agencies in the planning process, as well as other efforts to identify and minimize environmental problems at the earliest possible stage in the planning process.*

BakkenLink has consulted with various federal, state, and local governments, as well as local businesses and residents. Scoping letters presenting the Project were mailed to the various agencies and governing units in September and October of 2010. The recipients of these letters include:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
- National Park Service
- N.D. Game and Fish Department (NDGF)
- N.D. Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD)
- N.D. Department of Health (NDDH)
- N.D. Water Commission

- N.D. State Land Department
- N.D. State Historical Preservation Office

(5) *A statement of the projected demand for the service rendered by the utility for the ensuing ten years and the underlying assumptions for the projection, with that information being as geographically specific as possible, and a description of the manner and extent to which the utility will meet the projected demands.*

Crude oil production in the catchment area of the pipeline remains relatively flat within the past 6 months and, based on crude oil pricing, could increase or decline; however forecasts generally show production increasing as pricing rebounds.

BakkenLink provides a safe and efficient mechanism to transfer crude oil to existing and new outlets. Without this pipeline capacity, increased movement of crude oil will occur by tanker truck over public roadways, a public safety issue that the Project addresses. Thus, the Project will provide needed capacity to transport crude oil production safely and economically from the Bakken and Three Forks formations to facilities with access to major markets.

The current and forecasted crude oil production in western North Dakota indicates that the regional transportation service provided by the BakkenLink pipeline will continue to be needed during the next ten years and beyond.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Case No. PU-16-___

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF A TEN YEAR
PLAN BY BAKKENLINK PIPELINE, LLC

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Danielle Krause, being first duly sworn, does depose and state that on July 1, 2016, the following document was served:

Ten Year Plan: 2016-2026

by placing a true and correct copy of said document in an envelope addressed as follows:

Marcia Lamb
Billings County Auditor
PO Box 168
Medora, ND 58645

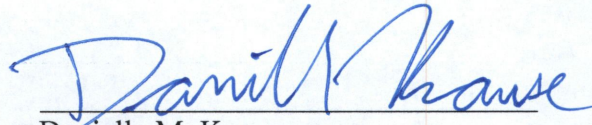
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and depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States mail at Bismarck, North Dakota.


Danielle M. Krause

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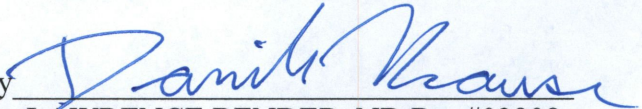
IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF A TEN
YEAR PLAN BY BAKKENLINK PIPELINE
LLC

**NOTICE OF FILING TEN YEAR PLAN
2016-2026**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 1, 2016, in accordance with Section 49-22-04 of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 69-06-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, BakkenLink Pipeline LLC filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission its Ten Year Plan for the years 2016 through 2026. A copy of said Ten Year Plan was also filed with the Auditors for Billings, Dunn, McKenzie, Stark, and Williams Counties, North Dakota, on July 1, 2016.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2016.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the following document:

NOTICE OF FILING TEN-YEAR PLAN: 2016-2026

was on the 1st day of July, 2016 served by placing the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to the following:

North Dakota Aeronautics Commission
P.O. Box 5020
Bismarck, ND 58502-5020

North Dakota Office of Attorney General
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North Dakota Dept. of Agriculture
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Dept. 602
Bismarck, ND 58505-0020

North Dakota Dept. of Health
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505-0200

Dept. of Human Services
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
Dept. 325
Bismarck, ND 58505-0250

North Dakota Dept. of Labor
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
Dept. 406
Bismarck, ND 58505-0340

Department of Vocational Education
c/o Career and Technical Education
State Capitol, 15th Floor
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 270
Bismarck, ND 58505-0610

North Dakota Dept. of Commerce
PO Box 2057
Bismarck, ND 58502-2057

Energy Development Impact Office
North Dakota State Land Dept.
P.O. Box 5523
Bismarck, ND 58506-5523

North Dakota Game and Fish Department
100 N. Bismarck Expressway
Bismarck, ND 58501-5095

North Dakota Geological Survey
600 E. Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0840

Office of Governor Jack Dalrymple
State of North Dakota
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505-0001

North Dakota State Highway Department
115 D Street
Richardton, ND 58652

North Dakota Department of Transportation
608 E. Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505-0700

State Historical Society
of North Dakota
612 E. Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505-0830

North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
1st Floor - Judicial Wing, Rm. 117
Bismarck, ND 58505-0300

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Bismarck, ND 58506-5507

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1707 North 9th Street
P.O. Box 5523
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North Dakota Parks and Recreation Dept.
1600 E. Century Ave., Suite 3
Bismarck, ND 58503-0649

Division of Community Services
Dept. of Commerce
1600 E. Century Ave., Suite 2
PO Box 2057
Bismarck, ND 58502-2057

North Dakota State Soil Conservation Committee
c/o NDSU Extension Service
2718 Gateway Ave., Suite 104
Bismarck, ND 58503

North Dakota State Water Commission
900 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 770
Bismarck, ND 58505-0850

North Dakota Industrial Commission
600 East Boulevard Ave Dept 405
Bismarck, ND 58505-0840

United States Department of Defense
1400 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1400

United States Fish and Wildlife Service
North Dakota Field Office
3425 Miriam Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501-7926

Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave, SW
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North Dakota Transmission Authority
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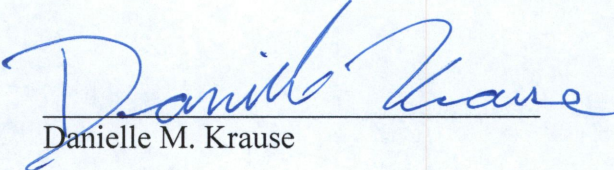
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