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August 25, 2016

Hand Delivery

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



In re: Epping Transmission Company, LC
DAPL Epping Facility Connector Pipeline Project
Williams County
Our File No. 088393-000004

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

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

- 1) Epping Transmission Company, LLC's Consolidated Application for a Waiver or Reduction of Procedures and Time Frame;
- 2) Epping Transmission Company, LLC's Consolidated Application for Corridor Compatibility Certificate and Route Permit in McKenzie County, North Dakota;
- 3) Epping Transmission Company, LLC's check in the amount of \$35,000;
- 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.

Sincerely,



Wade C. Mann

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cc: Williams County Auditor (via U.S. Mail)
Megan Davis (via email)
Katie Schmidt (via email)

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

In the Matter of the Application of Epping Transmission Company, LLC for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for the 3.2-Mile Long, 12.75-Inch DAPL Epping Facility Connector Pipeline in Williams County, North Dakota

Case No. _____

APPLICATION OF EPPING TRANSMISSION COMPANY, LLC
FOR A WAIVER OR REDUCTION OF PROCEDURES AND
TIME SCHEDULES AND FOR A
CORRIDOR CERTIFICATE AND ROUTE PERMIT

Applicant Epping Transmission Company, LLC (“Epping Transmission”) whose address for purposes of this Application is 5910 North Central Expressway, Suite 350, Dallas, Texas 75206, pursuant to the Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act, codified at North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22 (“Act”), hereby submits this Application For a Waiver or Reduction of Procedures and Time Schedules and For a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit (“Application”).

Epping Transmission 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), 49-22-13, 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 one mile in width; (4) find that the proposed facilities are of such design, length, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects; 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 create adequate pipeline capacity necessary for transport of hydrocarbons from North Dakota to distribution centers and eventual end users throughout the United States.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed DAPL Epping Facility Connector Pipeline project ("Project") consists of construction of approximately 3.2 miles of new 12.75-inch diameter crude oil pipeline originating at the existing Epping Station, located in Williams County, ND approximately 0.4 miles south of Epping and extending north and east to terminate at the Dakota Access Pipeline ("DAPL") Epping Facility approximately 1.8 miles northeast of Epping. The project will also include connections to the existing Divide Mainline which was previously approved by this Commission in Case No. PU-14-223 and the new DAPL valve site. One connection will deliver crude oil from the Divide

Mainline to the valve site and a second will deliver crude from the valve site back to the Divide Mainline. Each connection will include approximately 0.1 miles of new 8-inch diameter steel pipe. A valve site will be constructed just north of Epping where the pipeline crosses Highway 8.

NEED

A major constraint in transporting hydrocarbons from North Dakota to distribution centers and eventual end users in the United States is the lack of pipeline capacity. Insufficient capacity has resulted in increased truck and rail traffic to accommodate the levels of production. Epping Transmission has identified a need for safe and reliable transportation of crude oil produced in the Williston Basin that will help minimize truck and rail traffic and reduce the burden on local infrastructure. Construction of the proposed Project will also provide producers with additional market access and allow firm, reliable transport of an average of 30,000 bpd of crude oil.

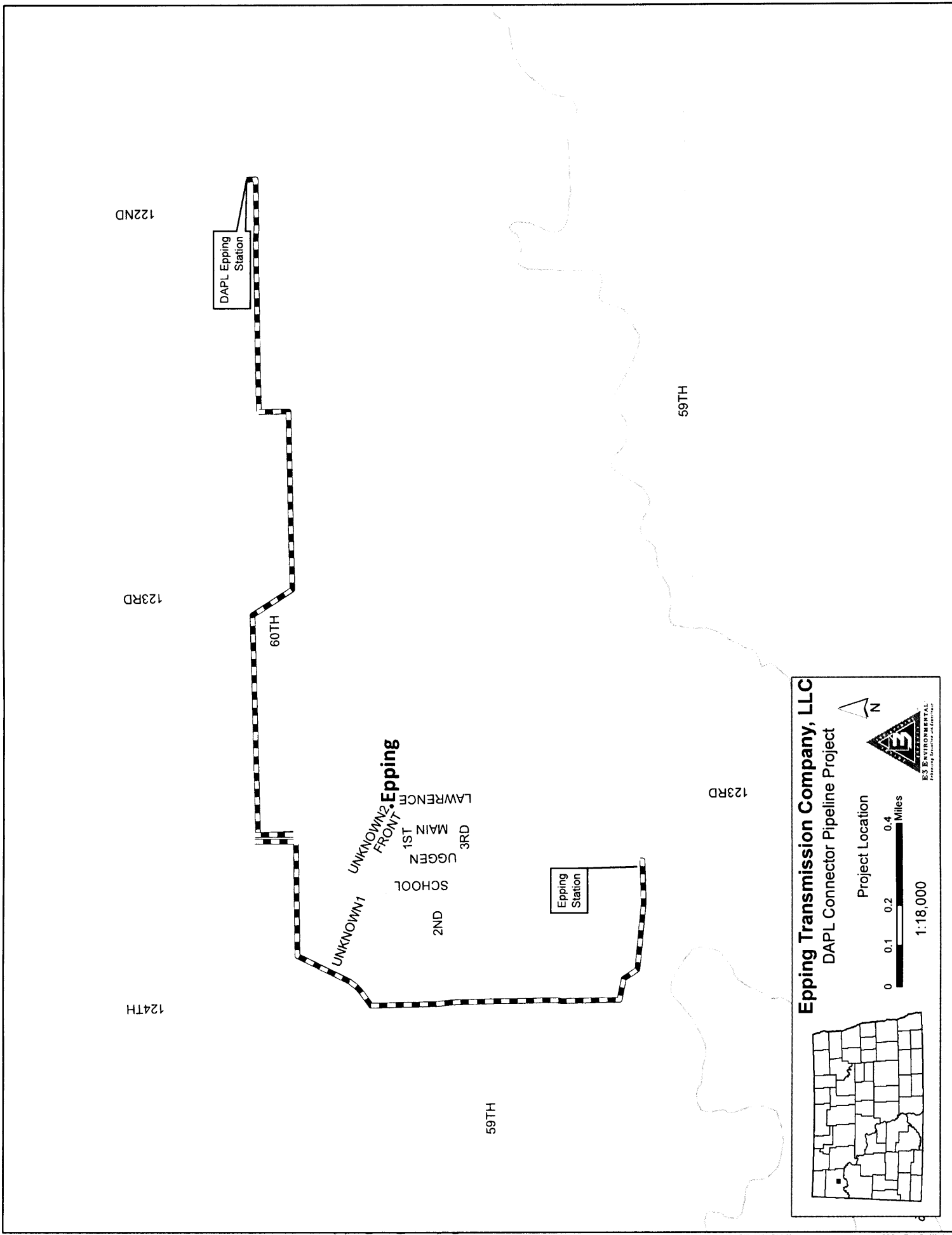
COST

The estimated cost of constructing the pipeline is \$7 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 justification for the requested waivers and/or reduction of time schedules and procedures, as the DAPL Epping Facility Connector Pipeline will produce minimal adverse effects.

Applicant respectfully requests the Commission to grant the requested waivers and/or reduction of procedures and time schedules; and to render an expeditious decision approving the requested corridor certificate and route permit.



Epping Transmission Company, LLC
DAPL Connector Pipeline Project

Project Location

1:18,000

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY MAIL

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 25th day of August, 2016, 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:

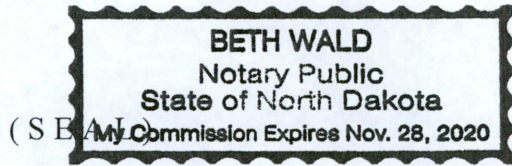
Beth M. Innis
Williams County Auditor
PO Box 2047
Williston, ND 58802-2047

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



Lisa Herberholz

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of August, 2016.



Beth Wald

Notary Public
Burleigh County, North Dakota
My Commission Expires: _____