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August 16, 2016

Katie Schmidt  
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Dear Ms. Schmidt:

RE: DAPL Connector Pipeline Project

Epping Transmission Company is proposing to construct an approximately 3.6-mile, 12-inch diameter crude oil pipeline in Williams County, North Dakota. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has reviewed this project for wildlife concerns.

The National Wetland Inventory indicates various wetlands within the proposed project corridor. Steps should be taken to protect any wetlands that cannot be avoided, no alterations should be made to existing drainage patterns, and above-ground appurtenances should not be placed in wetland areas. Unavoidable destruction or degradation of wetland acres should be mitigated in kind.

We do not believe this project will have significant adverse effects on wildlife or wildlife habitat, including species of conservation priority, provided these recommendations are implemented where appropriate and disturbed areas are reclaimed to pre-project conditions.

Sincerely,

Greg Link  
Chief

Conservation & Communication Division

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**Exhibit 7 - ND Game and Fish Response Aug. 16, 2016**

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