

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

In the Matter of the Application of Savage Bakken Connector, Inc. for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for the Approx. 2-Mile Long, 10-Inch Savage Bakken Petroleum Hub Interconnect Pipeline in Williams County, North Dakota

Case No. _____

APPLICATION OF SAVAGE BAKKEN CONNECTOR, INC.
FOR A WAIVER OR REDUCTION OF PROCEDURES AND
TIME SCHEDULES AND FOR A
CORRIDOR CERTIFICATE AND ROUTE PERMIT

Applicant Savage Bakken Connector, Inc. (“Savage”) whose address for purposes of this Application is 901 W. Legacy Center Way, Midvale, UT 84047, 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”).

Savage 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, separate notices of such applications, separate hearings on such applications, separate orders on such application; and certain procedures and 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 of 200 feet in width; (4) hold one combined public hearing on this Application; (5) find that the proposed facilities are of such design, length, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects; and (6) 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 produced in the Williston Basin to refineries and markets throughout the United States.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed Savage Bakken Petroleum Hub Interconnect Pipeline project ("Project") consists of construction of approximately 2 miles of new 10-inch diameter crude oil pipeline originating at the existing Savage Bakken Petroleum Hub, located in Williams County, ND approximately 3.5 miles West of Trenton and extending west and south to terminate at the Dakota Access Pipeline ("DAPL") pipeline. The project will also include a connection to the existing

DAPL Pipeline which was previously approved by this Commission in Case No. PU-14-223, and along with a site for a meter and pump skid; and an injection pump station. The connection will deliver crude oil from the existing Savage Bakken Petroleum Hub to the DAPL Pipeline.

NEED

A major constraint in transporting hydrocarbons from the Williston Basin to refineries and markets 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. Savage 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 60,000 bpd of crude oil.

COST

The estimated cost of constructing the Project is \$6 million.

JUSTIFICATION

The environmental and cultural resource studies and reports which have been commissioned by the Applicant for the Project demonstrate that there will be minimal adverse effects by construction. As a result, Applicant hereby submits that there is substantial justification set forth in the Need section above for the requested waivers and/or reduction of time schedules and procedures, as the Savage Bakken Petroleum Hub Interconnect Pipeline will produce minimal adverse effects.

Applicant respectfully requests the Commission to (1) grant the requested waivers and/or reduction of procedures and time schedules; and to (2) render an expeditious decision approving a corridor certificate and a route permit for the Project.

