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December 12, 2016

**Hand Delivered**

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

Re: PU-16-753  
Savage Bakken Connector, Inc.  
Savage Bakken Petroleum Hub Interconnect Pipeline  
Our File No. 083350-000010

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed for filing in the above captioned matter:

1. Original and ten copies of correspondence from the United States Army Corps of Engineers, dated November 8, 2016;
2. Original and ten copies of correspondence from the State Historical Society of North Dakota, dated December 8, 2016.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
BRIAN R. BJELLA

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Enc.

cc: Sara Cardwell (via email)



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF North Dakota Regulatory Office

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT  
NORTH DAKOTA REGULATORY OFFICE  
1513 SOUTH 12TH STREET  
BISMARCK ND 58504-6640

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Regulatory Branch (NWO-2016-02297-BIS)

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Attn: Mr. Corie Ereth  
Post Office Box 1157  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58502

Dear Mr. Ereth:

This is in response to your letter dated September 23, 2016 requesting comments on the proposed expansion of the boundaries of the Savage Bakken Petroleum Hub Interconnect. The proposed project is located in Williams County, North Dakota.

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Offices administer Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (Section 10) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Section 404). A Section 10 permit would be required for work impacting navigable waters, this includes work over, through, or under Section 10 waters. Section 10 waters in North Dakota are the Missouri River (including Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe), Yellowstone River, James River (south of the railroad tracks in Jamestown, North Dakota), Bois de Sioux River, Red River of the North, and Upper Des Lacs Lake. A Section 404 permit would be required for the discharge of dredge or fill material (temporarily or permanently) in waters of the United States. Waters of the United States may include, but are not limited to, rivers, streams, ditches, coulees, lakes, ponds, and their adjacent wetlands. Fill material includes, but is not limited to, rock, sand, soil, clay, plastics, construction debris, wood chips, overburden from mines or other excavation activities and materials used to create any structure or infrastructure in waters of the United States.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. Jim Berkley, US Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 1596 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado, 80202-1129.

A permit application and instructions is located at:  
[http://www.usace.army.mil/Portals/2/docs/civilworks/regulatory/engform\\_4345\\_2014dec.pdf](http://www.usace.army.mil/Portals/2/docs/civilworks/regulatory/engform_4345_2014dec.pdf)

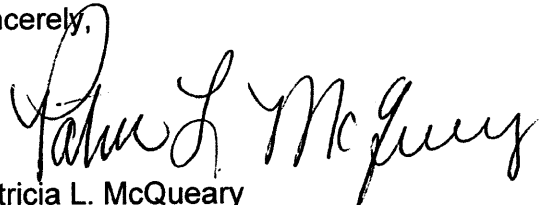
In addition, an aquatic resource delineation may be required for your project. Please visit our website for further guidance on minimum standards for delineations.

<http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program/North-Dakota/Public-Notices/Article/918830/minimum-standards-for-aquatic-resources-delineations/>

**In the future, all solicitation of view requests should clearly identify the project location with latitude and longitude in decimals. This provides an expedited review of the proposal.**

Please refer to identification number NWO-2016-02297-BIS in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 1513 South 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504, by email at Patricia.L.McQueary@usace.army.mil, or telephone at 701-255-0015 x2001. For more information regarding our program, please visit our website at <http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryProgram/NorthDakota.aspx>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia L. McQueary". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "M".

Patricia L. McQueary  
North Dakota State Program Manager  
Omaha District Regulatory Division



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Governor of North Dakota

December 8, 2016

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**NDSHPO REF.: 17-0184 PSC PU-16-753 "Savage Bakken Petroleum Hub  
Interconnect Pipeline Project: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in  
Williams County, North Dakota"**

Calvin Grinnell  
New Town

Diane K. Larson  
Bismarck

Dear Mr. Welch

Terrance Rockstad  
Bismarck

We reviewed "Savage Bakken Petroleum Hub Interconnect Pipeline Project: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Williams County, North Dakota," by Matt Hull (KLJ December 2016), and find it acceptable.

H. Patrick Weir  
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There has been a good faith effort to identify and avoid impacts to "Significant Sites," provided the project remains as described and mapped in this cultural resource inventory. Also architectural site 32WI483, Trinity Lutheran Church should be avoided by staying across the road from the church, or 50 feet from the church and grounds.

Sara Otte Coleman  
Director  
Tourism Division

Kelly Schmidt  
State Treasurer

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at [ppicha@nd.gov](mailto:ppicha@nd.gov) or (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell at [squinnell@nd.gov](mailto:squinnell@nd.gov) or (701) 328-3576.

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Parks and Recreation  
Department

Sincerely,

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Director  
Department of Transportation

Claudia J. Berg  
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

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of Museums since 1986