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22 December 2016

Timothy Dawson, Director
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Re: Savage Bakken Connector, Inc.
10-Inch Crude Pipeline Project
Siting Application

PSC Case No. PU-16-753
OAH #20160666

Dear Mr. Dawson:

Thank you for your letter dated 12 December 2016 designating yourself as the Administrative Law Judgment on the captioned case.

At its December 20, 2016 meeting, the Public Service Commission approved a Motion asking that you appoint the designated ALJ as a substantive ALJ. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

The Commission also issued a Notice of Filings and Public Hearing. A copy is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you again.

Best regards,

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Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco
General Counsel

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APPROVED

DATE: 12-20-14



MOTION

December 20, 2016

**Savage Bakken Connector, Inc.
10-Inch Crude Pipeline Project - Williams County
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-16-753

I move the Commission request the Director of the Office of Administrative Hearings to redesignate Administrative Law Judge Dawson to preside as a substantive hearing officer in Savage Bakken Connector, Inc., 10-Inch Crude Pipeline Project, Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-16-753.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Savage Bakken Connector, Inc.
10-Inch Crude Pipeline Project – Williams County
Siting Application

Case No. PU-16-753

NOTICE OF FILINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING

December 20, 2016

A public hearing on the applications for Case No. PU-16-753 is scheduled for **January 19, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. Central Time, at The Ernie French Center, NDSU Williston Research Extension Center, 14120 Hwy. 2, Williston, ND 58801.**

Savage Bakken Connector, Inc. (Savage) has filed applications for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit concerning the location for approximately 2 miles of 10-inch diameter crude oil pipeline and associated facilities in Williams County, North Dakota, as shown on the attached map.

Savage has also filed an application for waivers of procedures and time schedules established under North Dakota Century Code sections 49-22-07.2, 49-22-08, 49-22-08.1, 49-22-13, and North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-06-01-02 and chapter 69-06-06, requiring separate filings, separate notices, and separate hearings on such applications.

The issues to be considered in the application for waiver of procedures and time schedules are:

1. Are the proposed facilities of such length, design, location, or purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects and that adherence to applicable procedures and time schedules may be waived?
2. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive any procedures and time schedules as requested in the application?

The issues to be considered in the applications for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit are:

1. Will the location and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?

2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

If determined that a waiver of procedures and time schedules is appropriate, the Commission may consider the application for a corridor certificate and route permit without further notice.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

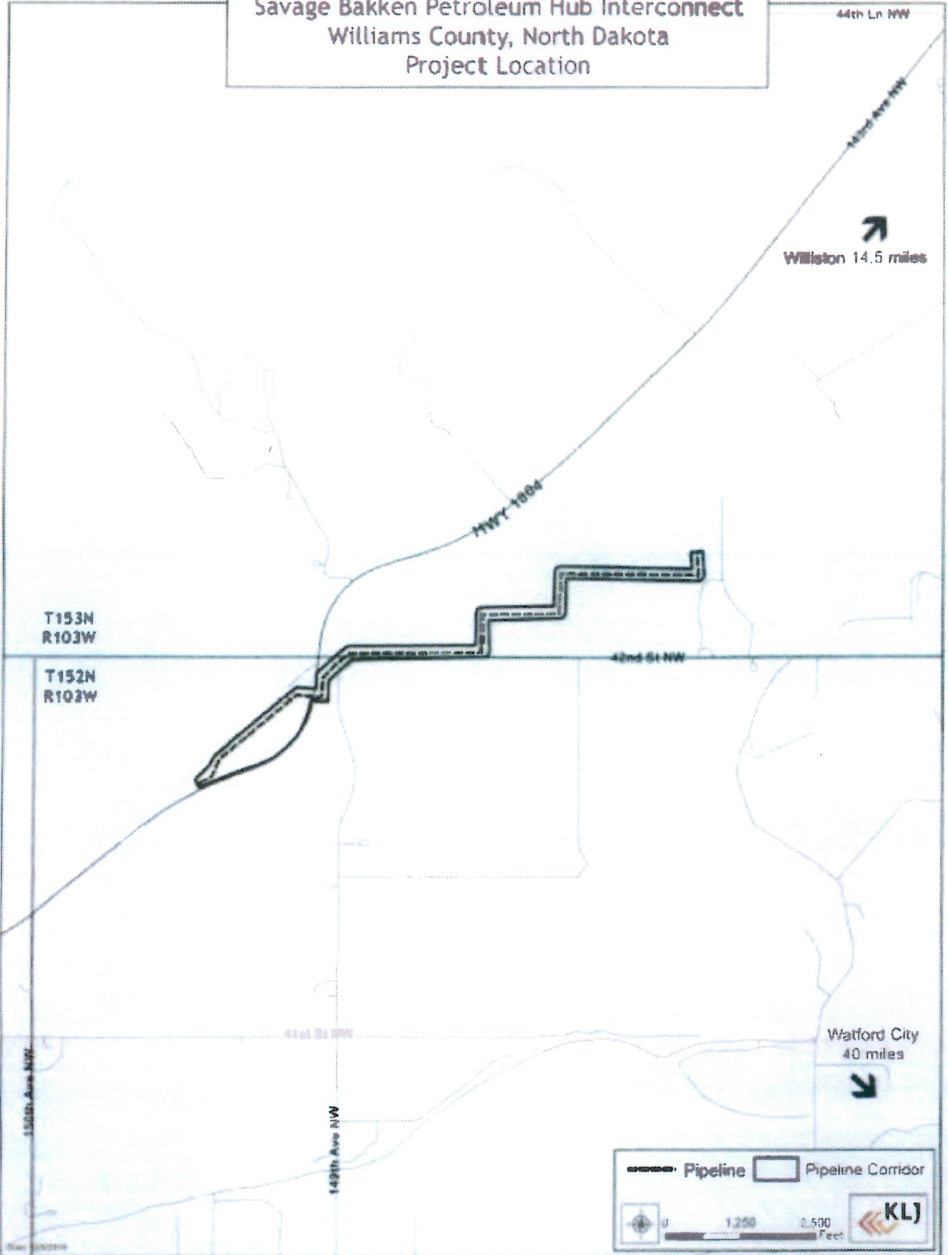
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**Savage Bakken Petroleum Hub Interconnect
Williams County, North Dakota
Project Location**



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