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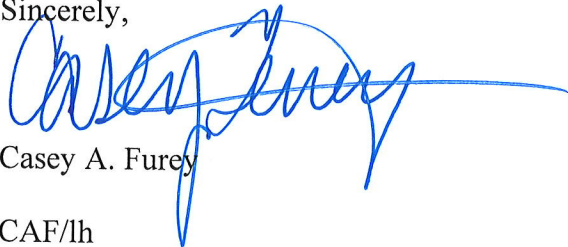
In re: Savage Bakken Connector, LLC
Case No. PU-16-753
Our File No. 083350-000010

Dear Mr. Fahn:

In response to your request dated January 13, 2022, please find enclosed for filing the reclamation and revegetation status report in the above-referenced matter.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Casey A. Furey

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cc: Steve Morrey (via email)

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Response to 13 Jan. 2022 request for information
Savage Bakken Connector, Inc.
Casey Furey, Crowley Fleck, PLLP

NDPSC

Date: 02.08.2022

Subject: Response to Case PU-16-753 Savage Bakken Connector

Attention: Patrick Fahn

Savage Services submits the following information in response to the request issued on January 13, 2022 (Docket No. 86) regarding comments in the Commission's third-party inspector Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc.'s ("SEH") July 2019 Reclamation and Revegetation Inspection Report (the "2019 Report") (Docket No. 76).

Savage Services notes the report and photos cited are in fact dated from the year 2019 and thus several items have changed. The 2019 Report identifies areas of concern as STA 6+00 – STA 13+00 and STA 100+00 – STA 105+63.36. Savage has reviewed these locations and while the review occurred in winter months, Savage has seen evidence of revegetation growth taken place.

Area STA-6+00 –STA 13+00 is a draining swell Photo #28.

Specifically, the area of Photo #28 STA #13+00 is of a drainage swell. The 2019 Report expressly notes that the condition identified existed prior to pipeline work. See 2019 Report pg. 2 of 5 ("This area of spare [sic] covered vegetation was due to the sideslope of the existing drainage ditch that runs parallel to the pipeline. Existing ground coverage was also sparse prior to the start of construction . . ."). This area has also seen additional pipeline work completed in the same vicinity by other entities. The condition of this area is consistent with its pre-construction condition and is not a result of pipeline installation or construction activities by Savage. The 2019 Report and photos are not reflective of the additional work and reclamation efforts from Savage over the years and additional pipeline installation.

Action item from Savage: Area STA-6+00 – STA 13+00:

Savage will monitor the area during spring growth. If the area continues to show signs of non-growth, Savage will help reseed the area in the year 2022 on or before June 2022 if evidence shows no growth from winter to spring.

Area STA 103+00 and 105+63.36 Photos #7, #9, and #10 are areas that have seen more growth from 2019.

Action item from Savage: Area STA 103+00 – STA 105+63.36:

With respect to this area, the 2019 Report states "[a]reas of barren vegetation were within low areas that had previous standing water and was soggy/saturated ground." The area is further noted as being "previously wet with limited vegetation." See 2019 Report pg. 3 of 5. Savage will monitor the area during spring growth. If the area continues to show similar signs of non-growth as the photos from 2019, Savage will reseed the area in a similar fashion as performed during the construction phase. This reseeding effort will take place if determined necessary on or before June 2022.

In conclusion, Savage appreciates the opportunity to respond to the noted items in the 2019 Report. Savage will continue to monitor the areas and complete additional reclamation efforts as necessary for this project. If any additional corrective actions are necessary based on the review in spring, Savage will complete the actions by the same methods used during the original construction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Morrey

Director of Capital Projects