

April 11, 2017

VIA E-MAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

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

RE: NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P.'s Application for an Amended Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit, and Waiver Application, for the Mapleton Terminal Case No. PU-17-51

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

During the Commission's working session on April 6, 2017 in the above-referenced case, the Commission requested information regarding noise levels of the pump(s) to be constructed at NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P.'s ("NuStar") Mapleton Terminal site. As requested, NuStar provides the following information.

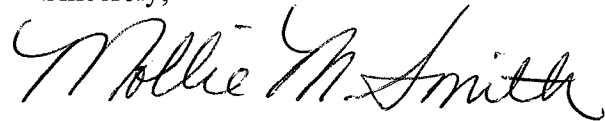
Noise levels of the pump(s) at the Mapleton Terminal will be similar to that of other pumps in NuStar's system that have known decibel levels. Right at a pump, the noise level will be approximately 79.2 decibels, which is similar to city traffic or a vacuum cleaner (see the enclosed Decibel Scale). Just outside of the earthen berm that will surround the Mapleton Terminal, the sound level will not be readable by a dosimeter, which has a minimum sound reading level of 60 decibels (60 decibels is approximately the sound of an air conditioning unit). The closest residence (southwest of the site along 165th Avenue SE) is owned by the landowner from whom the Mapleton Terminal site was purchased. At this residence, the Mapleton Terminal pump noise level would be even less, if at all noticeable.

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An original and ten (10) copies of this letter and the Decibel Scale are provided. If you need any additional information, or have questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mollie M. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

MOLLIE M. SMITH

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