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Memorandum

Date: 2/4/2020
To: North Dakota Public Service Commission
Copy to: Mike Stahly, Cenex Pipeline, LLC
From: Grady Wolf - KLJ
RE: Cenex Pipeline, LLC. Liquid Petroleum Pipeline
Addendum to Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit
Case No. PU-17-97

Remarks

Cenex submitted a consolidated application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and a Route Permit to the ND Public Service Commission (PSC) in March 2017 for the 149.7 miles of pipeline that would occur in ND. The ND PSC issued a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order (Order) for the project (Case No. PU-17-97) on March 14, 2018, and as subsequently amended on September 26, 2018.

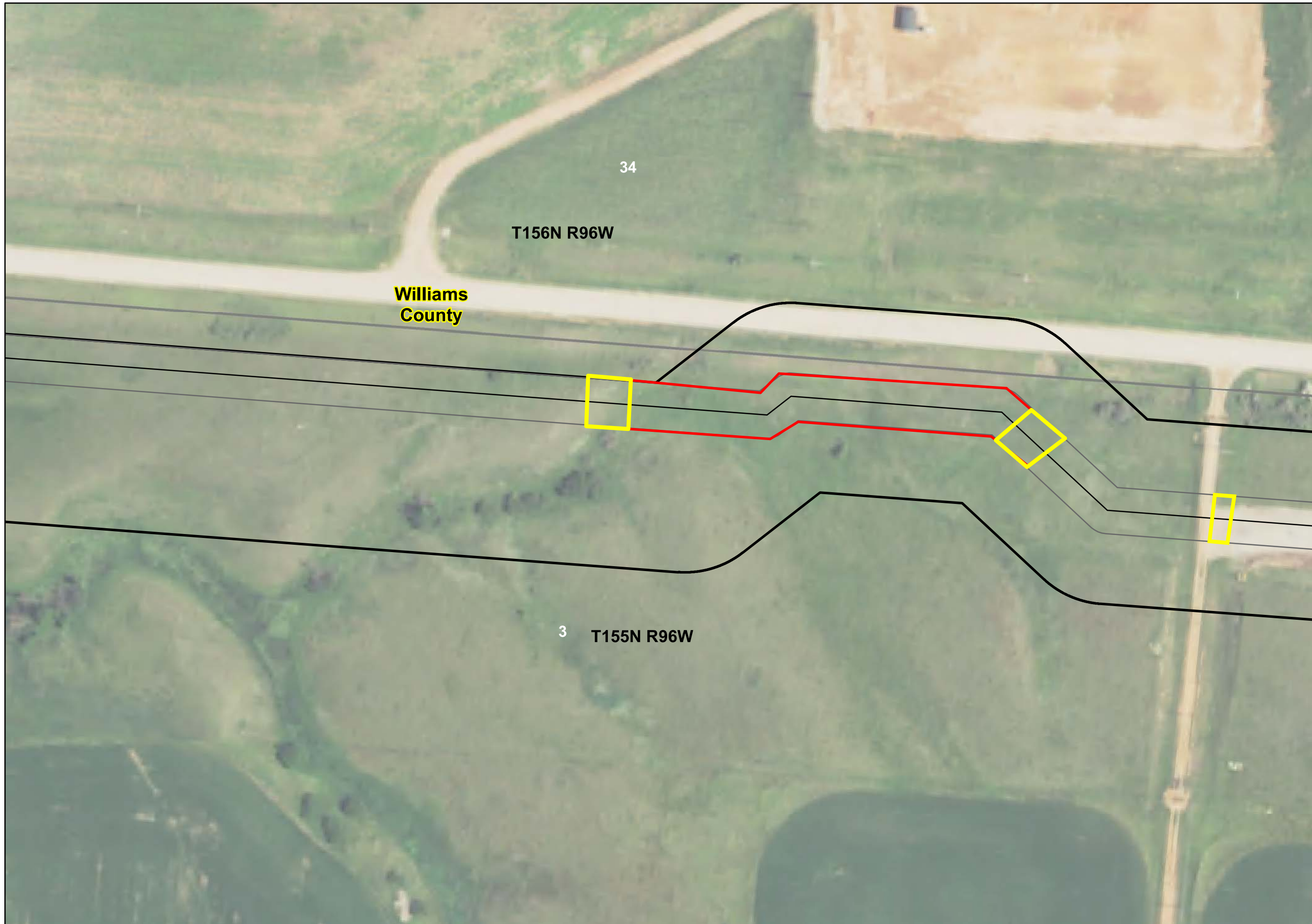
On February 3, 2020 the PSC was notified through a Memorandum (Docket #196) detailing winter topsoil removal techniques for several areas requiring topsoil removal. Since the memorandum was filed, another location was identified as requiring additional topsoil removal to facilitate pipeline installation.

- Section 3, T155N, R96W
 - Topsoil removal is required for the trenching and placement of main line pipe and for two bell holes at tie-in locations. Cultural coordination at a location to the west required work to be stopped in the area. Topsoil was not removed while cultural coordination occurred. Prior to topsoil removal, Cenex will coordinate with the landowner to secure consent regarding winter topsoil removal. Mechanical winter topsoil removal methods in accordance with the INGAA report will be utilized along the linear portions and ground thawing methodology is proposed for the bell hole locations. A location map has been attached for reference.

It has become apparent that there may be additional locations, although minimal, not identified in the February 3, 2020 memorandum that would require topsoil removal for various reasons. Going forward, any linear areas that may be identified requiring winter topsoil removal would utilize the mechanical methods recommended in the INGAA report cited in the memorandum. The ground thawing method of topsoil removal proposed in the memorandum continues to remain proposed for smaller areas such as bell hole or block valve locations unless otherwise specified by the Commission. Any additional winter topsoil removal locations would be monitored by an on-site environmental inspector during topsoil removal and Cenex would conduct periodic monitoring of identified winter topsoil removal areas throughout the spring.

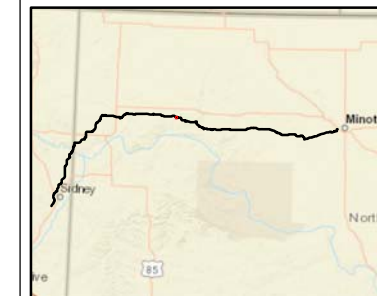


Cenex has completed construction of approximately 98% of the Project. The requested topsoil removal is necessary so that remaining construction can occur. For any remaining areas requiring topsoil removal that were not previously identified in this or the February 3 memorandum, Cenex proposes to file these locations with the Commission and respectfully requests that the Commission permit Commission staff to issue the necessary authorization.



**Cenex Pipeline, LLC
Refined Fuels Pipeline**

**Winter Topsoil
Removal**



**Section 03
T155N, R96W**

Legend

- Sections
- 50FT ROW
- PSC Corridor
- PSC Route
- Ground Thawing Topsoil Removal
- Mechanical Topsoil Removal

