

Memorandum

To: Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak, and Christmann
From: Patrick Fahn
Date: December 7, 2020
Subject: Cenex Pipeline, LLC, 10" Refined Fuels Pipeline Williams, Mountrail, Ward, Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan (Case No. PU-17-97)

On December 4, 2020, Cenex filed a Memorandum setting forth its tree and shrub mitigation plan for the project. Cenex will mitigate the 3,288 trees and shrubs removed during construction of the project at a 2:1 ratio per the PSC Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications. Mitigation plantings will occur in the spring of 2021.

All trees and shrubs disturbed as a result of construction will be replaced by the same or similar species. Non-native and invasive species would be mitigated with a native species such as Burr oak, or ponderosa pine.

A total of 32 landowners had trees or shrubs removed from their property as a result of construction. Of those landowners affected by tree removal, 20 agreed to have the impacted trees and shrubs replaced on their property, and 12 landowners opted to have the trees and shrubs mitigated elsewhere.

Staff has reviewed the plan and believes it conforms to the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications incorporated in the Commission's March 14, 2018 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.