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Via Electronic Mail

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Mr. Steven Kahl
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**In re: Cenex Pipeline, LLC
Expedited Request for Extension - Tree & Shrub Planting
Case No. PU-17-097
Our File No. 020836-000001**

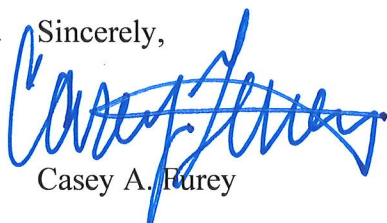
Dear Mr. Kahl:

On December 16, 2020, the Commission issued a motion approving Cenex Pipeline, LLC's ("Cenex") Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan filed as Docket No. 209 in Case No. PU-17-097. I am writing on behalf of Cenex to request the Commission or Commission staff issue an expedited approval granting Cenex a one-year extension to implement its Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan originally scheduled to begin spring of 2021.

The optimal window for the 2021 replanting season is early to mid-May. Cenex's planting contractor has recommended potentially postponing 2021 planting because of extreme drought conditions. A landowner has also contacted Cenex and expressed similar concerns. Cenex's contractor will continue to monitor conditions within the upcoming weeks; however, if conditions have not improved, planting will need to be postponed.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Casey A. Furey

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