

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Application of ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C., for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for a 45 mile long, 12-inch NGL transmission pipeline in McKenzie and Williams Counties, North Dakota

Case No. _____

APPLICATION OF ONEOK ROCKIES MIDSTREAM, L.L.C.,
FOR A WAIVER OR REDUCTION OF PROCEDURES AND TIME SCHEDULES
AND FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CORRIDOR COMPATIBILITY AND ROUTE PERMIT

Applicant ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C. (“ONEOK”), whose address for purposes of this application is 100 West Fifth Street, Tulsa, OK 74103, hereby submits this Application for a Waiver or Reduction of Procedures and Time Schedules and for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit (“Application”) pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22.1, Energy Conversion and Transmission Facilities [Siting Act for gas or liquid energy conversion and transmission facilities] (“Act”).

ONEOK requests that the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) waive and/or reduce procedures and time schedules required by the Act or in the Commission’s regulations set forth in Article 69-06 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, to accomplish the purposes as requested herein. These include, but are not limited to:

1. Waive pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Sections 49-22.1-05, 49-22.1-10(2), and the North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 69-06-06 and Section 69-06-01-02, of those provisions of the North Dakota Century Code Sections 49-22.1-06(5), 49-22.1-07(5), 49-22.1-10, and the North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-06-01-02 which require separate filings of such applications, separate notices of such applications, separate hearings on such applications, separate orders

on such applications; and certain procedures and time schedules as set forth in said statutes and rules;

2. Allow consolidation of the certificate of corridor compatibility application and route permit application into a single consolidated application;
3. Approve a corridor 150 feet in width;
4. Hold one combined public hearing on this Application;
5. Find that the proposed facilities are of such design, length, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects; and
6. Designate and approve the requested facilities as identified in this Application and issue the appropriate corridor certificate and route permit.

The Commission's application guidelines for waiver of procedures and time schedules require the description of the facility, the need for the facility, the cost of the facility, and separate justification for each provision of the Act for which the Applicant is requesting a waiver, together with evidence that the project will produce minimal adverse effects of that a demonstrable emergency exists. As demonstrated in this Application, and summarized below, Applicant's requests for waivers and/or reductions of procedures and time schedules and the issuance of a corridor certificate and route permit are justified as the proposed facilities are of such design, length, location, and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects, and that the pipeline for which approval is sought is essential to create needed pipeline capacity for the transport of natural gas liquid ("NGL") products from oil and gas fields in the state to markets and processing facilities in the Mid-Continent and Gulf Coast regions.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed Cherry Creek Lateral Pipeline Conversion Project consists of approximately 45 miles of existing 12-inch steel pipeline originating at ONEOK's Lonesome Creek Plant in McKenzie County, North Dakota and terminating at ONEOK's Stateline Plant in Williams

County, North Dakota. ONEOK intends to convert the previously constructed natural gas and NGL gathering system to a NGL transmission pipeline.

NEED

The purpose of the Project is to provide an additional take-away option for NGLs at ONEOK's Lonesome Creek Plant. By redirecting NGLs at Lonesome Creek Plant, additional NGLs from processing plants in Dunn and McKenzie Counties will have access to pipeline capacity to be transported for further processing. Conversion of the line to transmission will help offset the flaring of gas as additional wells come on line in the Williston Basin.

COST

The estimated cost of constructing the Project is approximately \$1,800,000.00.

JUSTIFICATION

The environmental and cultural resource studies and reports which have been commissioned by the Applicant for the Project demonstrate that there will be minimal adverse effects by construction. As a result, Applicant hereby submits that there is substantial justification set forth in the Need section above for the requested waivers and/or reduction of time schedules and procedures, as the Project will produce minimal adverse effects.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission (1) grant the requested waivers and/or reduction of procedures and time schedules; and (2) render an expeditious decision approving a corridor certificate and a route permit for the Project.

