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December 19, 2017

Via Email & U.S. Mail

Patrick Fahn
Director, Public Utilities Division
Public Service Commission
State of North Dakota

Dear Mr. Fahn,

I spent this morning watching the meeting with Meridian Energy via the internet on the siting of the proposed Davis Refinery. Watching and listening to the responses, I had to email a rebuttal to a few propaganda lies that are bothering me.

First off, I am the power of attorney for a senior citizen living one mile from the proposed site. Mr. Kessel flat out lied when he stated he was the only one that lived near the refinery site. There are residences within 200 yards to one half mile from the proposed site. Mr. Kessel is on the Meridian Board, an investor and will make approximately 9 (nine) to 10 (ten) million for his property, thus he has a large monetary stake to get this refinery constructed. Second, Mr. Kessel stated a large percentage of the people in the area are for the construction of the refinery. This is not true! Not everyone is on board for the siting of the refinery. Thirdly, it will bring tax revenue to Billings County as stated, but, Billings County taxes are extremely affordable for agricultural land and are the lowest in the state. 40 acres is about 450 dollars per year and that is with the current increase.

It was mentioned that the Dakota aquifer formation has a bit more salt than sea water. That is a lie! The Dakota formation has been used by the oil industry for a disposal formation for oil field waste, and salt water for decades. The water being removed would not be like sea water, but a combination of brine and oil field wastes. After this water has been treated and approximately only 40 percent of the usable water removed, the rest would have to be classified as an industrial waste stream. Industrial wastes can only be injected back into an aquifer by a class 1 injection well, it can not be treated like oil field waste and put down a salt water disposal well or evaporated in ponds. Also, Meridian always states they will use the municipal sewer water or run off from rain storms. It's plain to see that Belfield is not large enough to have the proposed Davis refinery utilizing the water from the sewer lagoon. As for run off, this area is semi arid and lately very dry. A 100 year rain storm might produce enough water for part of a day, if that, and collecting the rain run off could affect the Belfield recreational dam used by the community located just east of the proposed site.

As for the pipeline to feed the proposed refinery, looking at a map of the pipelines in the state of North Dakota, there are none that could feed this without digging in a new feed line. The existing pipelines that are close, the rail spur/Bakken Link are owned or operated by Tesoro to feed their Dickinson, Mandan and St. Paul Park Refinery as far as my research can tell. Why would Tesoro pump oil to a competitor which would be the Davis refinery? So, it seems that since the rail option has been eliminated from their amended permit and a pipeline is nonexistent, it only can mean allot of trucks on the road.

As I am an advocate for a Senior citizen, I have to say the odor and emission will definitely affect this individuals quality of life. As an example, when a farmer is going to spray crops close to the property, this Senior has to ether leave home or be confined to the house as the odor affects the breathing and heart rate. Living close to the refinery which will emit tons of VOC, NOx, and SO2 and other gasses each year, as well as the increase in truck traffic, will be very detrimental to this Senior citizen's health and not to mention quality of life. Is this individual supposed to sell and move or be confined to the house just so Meridian can make a buck? This is why it infuriates me to no end that a group like Meridian Energy which includes Mr. Kessel, can move in and ruin peoples lives and think nothing about it? This is a typical case of the powerful stepping on the weak. I hope that the PSC will seriously push to have a siting review so public comments can be made on this proposed disaster.

Respectfully,

Kevin Uttech
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Cc: Julie Fedorchak

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