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RE: **PU-18-399, Docket 86**
ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C.
20-Inch NGL Pipeline – McKenzie County
Siting Application

Thank you for your June 25, 2019 filing of Braun Intertech's (Braun) geotechnical evaluations. Section A.2 states Braun will be providing a "Comprehensive Field Reconnaissance Report". When will this report filed with the Commission?

Section D.1.a states that Braun based their report on a "limited amount of information, and a number of assumptions". What would make their report better, and what assumptions were made?

Section D.1.b states that "it becomes the responsibility of others to validate the assumption made during the preparation of this report". What is this assumption and who will be validating it? Furthermore, provide a copy of the "construction-related geotechnical engineer-of-record responsibilities" and an explanation detailing the responsibilities and the party(s) responsible.

Section D.1.b indicates there are "required observations and testing during construction as part of the ongoing geotechnical evaluation". This statement indicates that the evaluation is not complete. Will you be retaining Braun to complete the evaluation, observation, and testing? Once complete, file the completed evaluation and the results of the observations and testing with the Commission.

Sincerely,

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Analyst

C: Fred Anderson, North Dakota Geological Survey