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In re: ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C.
Demicks Lake Pipeline Project
Case No. PU-18-399
Our File No. 072591-000007

Dear Mr. Renfandt:

On behalf of ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C. (“ONEOK”), enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter is ONEOK’s response regarding the as-built inspection report (Docket No. 129) for the Demicks Lake Pipeline Project in response to your July 9, 2020 request for information (Docket No. 130).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey A. Furey

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December 10, 2020

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**RE: Case No. PU-18-399
ONEOK Demicks Lake NGL Pipeline Post Construction Inspection**

Dear Mr. Renfandt:

ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C. (“Company” or “ONEOK”) is providing the following as an update on restoration of the Demicks Lake NGL Pipeline (“Project”). ONEOK received a letter dated July 9, 2020 (Docket #130) requesting a response to an As-Built inspection report (Docket #129) conducted by a third-party company (WENCK). This letter and enclosures serve as a response to that letter request.

NDPSC Staff Request for Information #2: Status of Reclamation activities, the regrading of poorly graded areas, the maintenance of BMPs, and the potential need for additional BMPs for the concerns mentioned in Sections 5.2.6 and 5.2.6.1 of the Report. Include a discussion of the lack of topsoil replacement and grading through the hills in the Little Missouri National Grasslands at Observation points 9-13 (see Section 5.2.6), and the status of reclamation for these locations. If not fully reclaimed, what is the timeline and plan for reclamation?

Include the status of the repair or replacement of non-functioning BMPs, the placement of BMPs in locations prone to erosion as indicated in the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, and the placement of BMPs at locations where they -should have been implemented at Observation points 7-12, 15, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 38, 40, 45, and 46 (see Section 5.2.6.1). Specifically, address ONEOK’s mitigation plans for these erosion issues and the maintenance of BMPs noted at those Observation Points. If a location(s) is not fully reclaimed, what is the timeline and plan for reclamation?

Company Response: Below are status updates for restoration that was completed in the 3rd Quarter of 2020, unless otherwise specified.

Observation Point 7: The location has dried out and has been regraded. Removal of timber matting and reseeding occurred on August 26, 2020.

Observation Point 9: Scoria is naturally occurring on higher terrain in this region. The location has steep side-slopes that were seeded and covered with erosion control blanket (slopes >30%) on August 27, 2020. Brush piles and silt fence were removed.

Observation Point 10: This location was seeded and covered with erosion control blanket (slopes >30%) on August 27, 2020. Water bars and silt fence remain where necessary to prevent erosion until seed establishes.

Observation Points 11 & 12: This location was seeded and covered with erosion control blanket (slopes >30%) and silt fence was repaired on August 27, 2020.

Observation Point 15: Attempts were made in late 2019 to reclaim this location, but frozen conditions were present. Reseeding did occur and an erosion control blanket was installed to stabilize this area on September 30, 2020.

Observation Points 23, 24, 27, 28 & 38: The locations have been reclaimed and will continue to be monitored for vegetation success.

Observation Point 26: The site has had the topsoil replaced and seeded. Still waiting on decompaction as this area is an agricultural field currently planted.

Observation Point 40: The location has been decompacted, topsoil has been replaced and seeded. A permanent waterbar was installed in this location on October 6, 2020.

Observation Point 45: The location has been decompacted, topsoil has been replaced and seeded. This site will continue to be monitored for restoration success. Silt fence will be removed once no longer needed.

Observation Point 46: The location is continually wet, and sediment is likely a result of natural erosion from the waterflow of a nearby spring. The location needs to dry out before further grading and reclamation. Freezing conditions may need to be present to gain access for heavy equipment. The location will continue to be monitored and further work, if required, is estimated to occur in 1st Quarter 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Grant, Environmental Specialist (phone 918-764-5179; email Rachel.grant@oneok.com) or me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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