

Memorandum

To: Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak and Christmann

From: Adam Renfandt

Date: December 20, 2021

Re: Denbury Green Pipeline - North Dakota, LLC, 12-inch Cedar Hills Pipeline Pjct - Slope & Bowman, Siting Application, Case No. PU-19-294, Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan

On December 8, 2021, Denbury Green Pipeline – North Dakota, LLC (Denbury) filed its Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan (Plan) for the 12-Inch Cedar Hills South Unit Lateral Carbon Dioxide Pipeline in Slope and Bowman counties, North Dakota. The project resulted in the removal of 2 trees and 13,595 shrubs, and they will be replaced with 27,482 trees and 11,892 shrubs. Although mitigation requires replanting two species for every species removed, Denbury will replace species in an approximately 2.9-to-one ratio to increase the likelihood for a successful outcome.

Denbury's proposed Plan involves sponsoring plantings with the North Dakota Petroleum Foundation's Plantings for the Future Program (Program), which will satisfy the Plan's requirements. In addition, Denbury offered landowners the option to plant the replacements on their properties, and all declined. Therefore, the replacements will be planted off adjacent landowner properties. The trees and shrubs planted as part of the Program will be monitored and reported to the Commission annually for two years past project plantings.

Staff believes the Plan complies with the Commission's Tree and Shrub specifications and recommends approval of the Plan.