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Via Electronic Mail

Mr. Patrick Fahn
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In re: Response to Notice of Noncompliance
ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C.
Tioga Lateral Pipeline Project
Case No. PU-19-368
Our File No. 072591-000009

Dear Mr. Fahn:

ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C. (“ONEOK”) is in receipt of your January 25, 2021 Notice of Noncompliance (“Notice”) regarding ONEOK’s January 22, 2021 Certification Relating to Route Adjustments (“Certification”) filed as Docket No. 128.

On November 17, 2020, ONEOK filed as-built GIS and associated maps with the Commission, Docket No. 125. In December 2020, ONEOK was contacted by Commission staff regarding two locations along the pipeline route where deviations appeared to exist between ONEOK’s proposed and as-built route GIS. In response, ONEOK evaluated the GIS and identified the two deviations observed by Commission staff. To address the deviations, ONEOK filed the Certification with accompanying maps to provide additional detail regarding the deviations. The information set forth in ONEOK’s Certification demonstrates that the two route adjustments occur within the certificated corridor and do not impact any known Exclusion or Avoidance Areas. As explained in the Certification, both deviations occurred as in-field adjustments to offset the pipeline from existing utility lines. The location of both utility lines differed slightly from locations ONEOK had previously identified.

The Notice requests that any supplemental information regarding the deviations identified in the Certification be filed by February 10, 2021. All relevant information necessary to remedy the alleged noncompliance has been previously filed with the Commission. ONEOK’s efforts to

comply with the Commission's Order are evidenced by the filings in Case No. PU-19-368. During construction, ONEOK filed certifications for 14 route adjustments. *See* Docket Nos. 88, 92, 96, 101, and 103. ONEOK respectfully submits that the information set forth in the Certification and ONEOK's good faith efforts to timely address and remedy the deviations once brought to ONEOK's attention mitigate the procedural departure referenced in the Notice.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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