

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Andeavor Field Services LLC  
Skunk Hill Station to Belfield Oil Terminal  
Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-20-161**

**ORDER**

**June 10, 2020**

Preliminary Statement

On October 19, 2011, in Case No. PU-11-102, the Commission adopted its Order on the Hearing Officer's October 18, 2011 Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommended Order, issuing Certificate of Corridor Compatibility No. 124 (Certificate 124) and Route Permit No. 133 (Permit 133) to Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation designating a corridor and a route for the construction, operation and maintenance of an approximately 6.8-mile, 8-inch for the transportation of crude oil pipeline from the Belfield Oil Terminal in Stark County, North Dakota, to an interconnection with the Skunk Hill Pipeline Station, operated by Bridger Pipeline LLC in Billings County, North Dakota (Pipeline).

On June 30, 2017, in Case No. PU-17-117, the Commission adopted its Order on Reissuing Certificate and Permit granting the request to transfer Certificate 124 and Permit 133 and issuing First Reissued Certificate 124 and First Reissued Permit 133 to QEP Field Services, LLC.

On April 11, 2018, in Case No. PU-18-104, the Commission moved to issue Second Reissued Certificate 124 and Second Reissued Permit 133 to Andeavor Field Services LLC (Andeavor), successor by name change to QEP Field Services, LLC.

On March 30, 2020, Andeavor filed with the Commission a consolidated application to amend the Commission's October 19, 2011 Order in Case No. PU-11-102, and amend the Second Reissued Certificate 124 and Second Reissued Permit 133, to reverse the flow of crude oil in the Pipeline, receiving oil at the interconnection with Bridger Pipeline LLC's Skunk Hill Station and transporting it south to the Belfield Oil Terminal, Case No. PU-20-161.

On March 30, 2020, in Case No. PU-20-161, Andeavor filed with the Commission an application to waive the hearing requirement in its entirety and proceed by virtue of its notice and opportunity for hearing procedure in consideration of this application.

On April 15, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (Notice) providing until May 15, 2020, for comments and requests for hearing.

The Notice identified the following issues in the application for waiver of procedures and time schedules:

1. Are the proposed facilities of such length, design, location, or purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects and that adherence to applicable procedures and time schedules may be waived?
2. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive any procedures and time schedules as requested in the application?

The Notice identified the following issues in the consolidated application for an amended certificate of corridor compatibility and an amended route permit:

1. Will the location and operation of the proposed facility produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Is the proposed facility compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facility location minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

On May 15, 2020, the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality commented with guidelines for controlling environmental impacts using proper construction methods.

#### Discussion

The Hearing Officer's October 18, 2011 Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommended Order in Case No. PU-11-102, adopted by the Commission's October 19, 2011 Order, stated in Finding of Fact 7 that the Pipeline would be constructed to transport oil from the Belfield Oil Terminal, located approximately 6 miles northeast of Belfield in Stark County, North Dakota, to an interconnect with Bridger's Skunk Hill Pipeline Station located approximately 6.5 miles northeast of the Belfield Oil Terminal in Billings County, North Dakota.

In this proceeding, Andeavor proposes to reverse the flow of crude oil in the Pipeline, receiving oil at the interconnection with Bridger Pipeline LLC's Skunk Hill Station and transporting it to the Belfield Oil Terminal.

The Pipeline is completed and there will be no further disturbance through additional construction activity with respect to the reverse the flow of crude oil in the pipeline.

No requests for hearing were received.

The proposed facilities are of such length, design, location, or purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects and adherence to applicable procedures and time schedules should be waived. It is appropriate for the Commission to waive the procedures and time schedules as requested in the application.

The location and operation of the proposed facility will produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota.

The proposed facility is compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources.

The proposed facility location will continue to minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion.

Having considered this matter, the Commission issues the following:

### **Order**

The Commission Orders:

1. Andeavor's application for a waiver of procedures and time schedules is granted.
2. The Commission's October 19, 2011 Order adopting the Hearing Officer's October 18, 2011 Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommended Order in Case No. PU-11-102 is amended to specify the transport of crude oil in the Pipeline is from the interconnection with Bridger Pipeline LLC's Skunk Hill Station located approximately 6.5 miles northeast of the Belfield Oil Terminal in Billings County, North Dakota to the Belfield Oil Terminal located approximately 6 miles northeast of Belfield in Stark County, North Dakota.
3. First Amended Second Reissued Certificate of Corridor Compatibility No. 124 is issued to Andeavor Field Services LLC.
4. First Amended Second Reissued Route Permit No. 133 is issued to Andeavor Field Services LLC.

5. All applicable provisions and requirements in the Commission's October 19, 2011 Order in Case No. PU-11-102; reissued by the Commission's June 30, 2017 Order in Case No. 17-157; and reissued in Case No. PU-18-104 on April 11, 2018, continue to apply except where amended by this Order.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

		
<b>Julie Fedorchak</b> Commissioner	<b>Brian Kroshus</b> Chairman	<b>Randy Christmann</b> Commissioner

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## **STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

### **First Amended, Second Reissued Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 124**

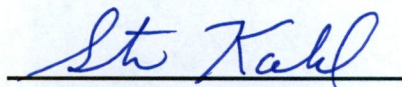
*This is to certify that the Commission has designated a transmission facility corridor for Andeavor Field Services LLC for the construction, operation and maintenance of a 6.8-mile, 8-inch pipeline in Billings and Stark Counties, North Dakota, for the transmission of crude oil.*

*This certificate is issued in accordance with the Commission's October 19, 2011 Order in Case No. PU-11-102; reissued by the Commission's June 30, 2017 Order in Case No. 17-157; reissued in Case No. PU-18-104 on April 11, 2018; and amended by the Commission's June 10, 2020 Order in Case No. PU-20-161 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in these Orders.*

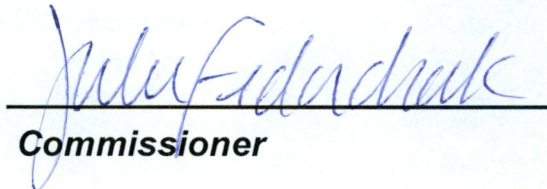
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**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



**Executive Secretary**



**Commissioner**

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## **STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

### **First Amended, Second Reissued Route Permit Number 133**

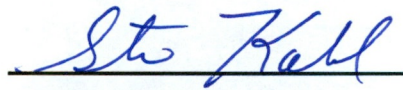
*This is to certify that the Commission has designated a transmission facility route for Andeavor Field Services LLC for the construction, operation and maintenance of a 6.8-mile, 8-inch pipeline in Billings and Stark Counties, North Dakota, for the transmission of crude oil.*

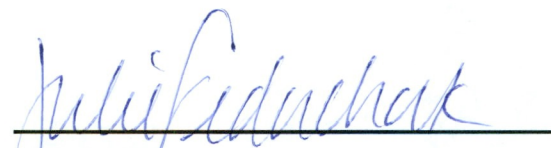
*This permit is issued in accordance with the Commission's October 19, 2011 Order in Case No. PU-11-102; reissued by the Commission's June 30, 2017 Order in Case No. 17-157; reissued in Case No. PU-18-104 on April 11, 2018; and amended by the Commission's June 10, 2020 Order in Case No. PU-20-161 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in these Orders.*

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