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*Via U.S. Postal Service and E-mail*

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**Re: Bridger Pipeline, LLC  
Kermit to Wilson Gathering Line**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing on behalf of Bridger Pipeline, LLC (“Bridger”), a Wyoming limited liability company affiliated by common ownership with Belle Fourche Pipeline Company (“Belle Fourche”), in response to your March 27, 2020 letter. The Kermit to Wilson gathering system is an approximately 26 mile 8-inch steel crude oil pipeline located in McKenzie County and was constructed by Bridger in 2018. The Kermit to Wilson gathering system is located directly upstream of the Bowline to Wilson pipeline owned and operated by Belle Fourche and sited by the Commission in PU-18-404. The Kermit to Wilson gathering system extends up to the Johnson Corner area and was constructed to support continuing growth of production in the area. As shown on the map enclosed, Bridger’s Four Bears Pipeline (sited in Case No. PU-09-750) extends from the Highway 23 Station and transports crude south to Baker, Montana.

A valve at Johnson’s Corner currently blocks Four Bears volumes from entering the Kermit to Wilson gathering line. Bridger has requested interim authorization from the Commission to open this valve (see location on map) so that a portion of Four Bear volumes can be routed to the Kermit to Wilson line to provide additional system capacity. To facilitate this process, the valve between the two systems will need to be opened, but no dirt disturbance or actual construction activities are required. The resulting connection would not change the way in which either line operates. The Kermit to Wilson line has a capacity of approximately 30,000 barrels per day

("bpd"), but daily throughput is approximately 10,000 bpd. Opening the connection between the Four Bears Pipeline and Kermit to Wilson will open an additional approximate 20,000 bpd of capacity for North Dakota producers to transport their production to market.

Recent volatility in market conditions has caused a drastic and sudden increase in demand to transport additional crude from the Four Bears Pipeline to Baker which will exceed the line's capacity. As a result, producers will be forced to either slow down or shut in production which could have significant impacts on North Dakota producers throughout the Basin. Therefore, there is an immediate need for Bridger to open the connection between the Fours Bears Pipeline and Kermit to Wilson in order to open capacity on Bridger's system.

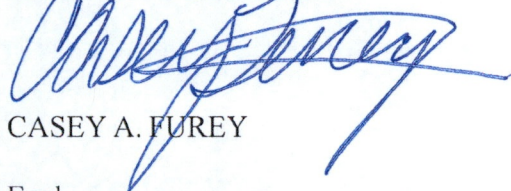
The following information is provided pursuant to your March 27, 2020 letter. Bridger hereby commits to siting the Kermit to Wilson line in compliance with the provisions of N.D.C.C. ch. 49-22.1, and to file a siting application with the Commission before the end of third quarter 2020. Bridger has had initial discussions with its third-party environmental consultant who anticipates field surveys may be able to commence as early as mid-May, contingent upon weather conditions and COVID-19 considerations. Additionally, Bridger commits to notifying the Commission of any delays that may otherwise impact its ability to submit a siting application to the Commission by end of third quarter 2020.

Additionally, Bridger will continue to engage in good faith discussions with Commission staff to expeditiously resolve remaining issues associated with prior operations of the Kermit to Wilson line.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

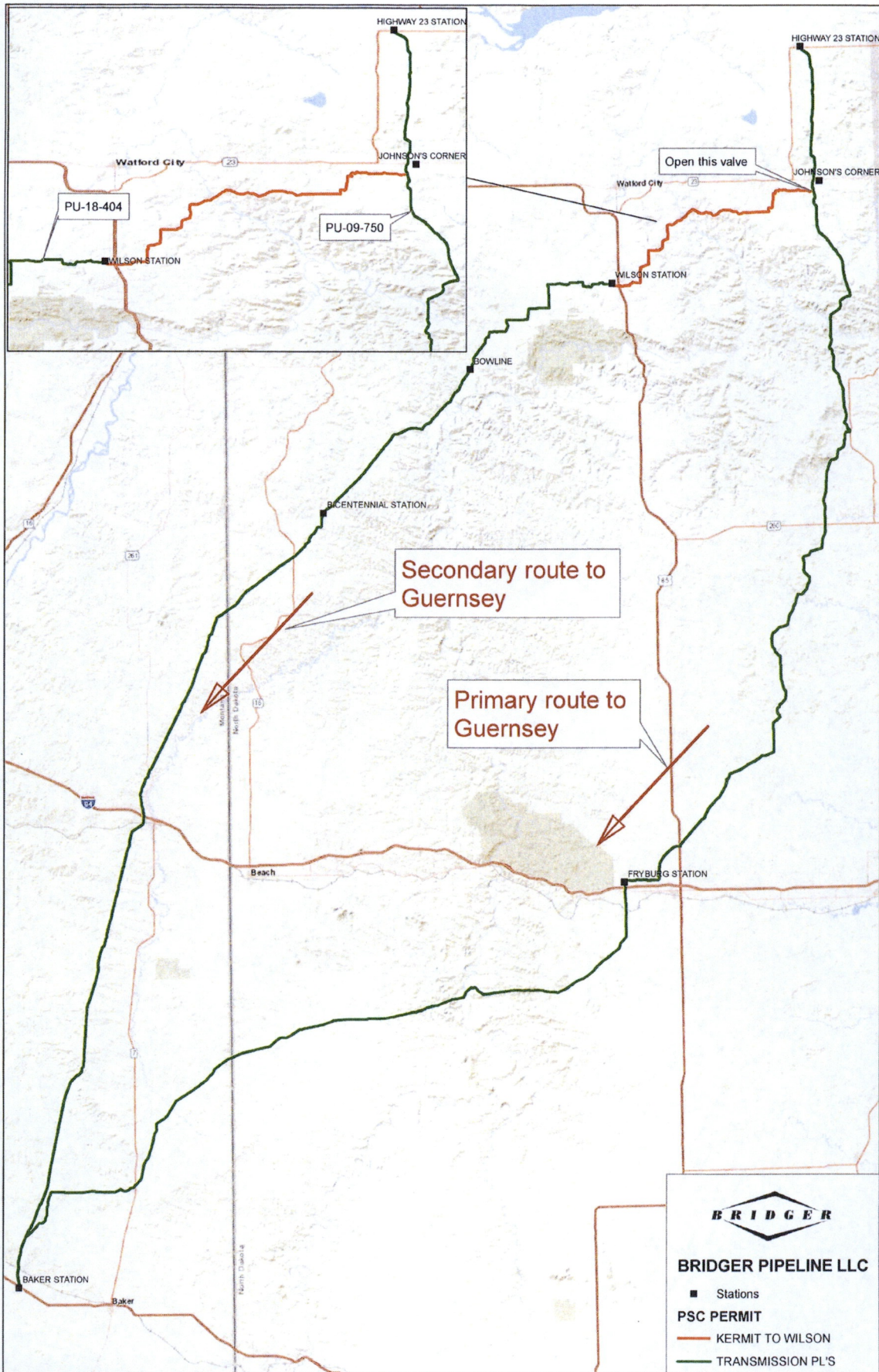
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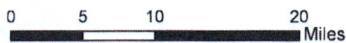
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- KERMIT TO WILSON
- TRANSMISSION PL'S