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RE: Case No. PU-21-48  
Bridger Pipeline LLC  
16-ince Crude Oil Pipeline-McKenzie/Golden Valley  
Siting Application

Dear Ms. Furey:

1. The application indicates that the installed cost of the project is \$122 million. Is this the total cost of the project, including the portion in Montana? If yes, approximately how much of this installed cost will be attributable to the North Dakota segment?
2. Was the route adjusted after the June/July 2020 timeframe from what is depicted in Exhibit A, Figure A.1?
3. Please file copies of all reports and surveys, including copies of the reports and surveys conducted by Keitu Engineers & Consultants, Inc., and others, which would include all botany surveys, wildlife and habitat assessments and surveys, tree/sapling/shrub enumeration surveys, and noxious weed surveys. Please also include the Environmental Assessment and the Biological Assessment as referenced throughout the application.

- a. Were all surveys, including the botany, wildlife and habitat, tree/sapling/shrub, and noxious weed ones, conducted across the "Project Survey Area" as identified in the Exhibit A, Figure A.1 map set?
4. Which of the proposed block valves will allow for remote shut down?
5. Please update Tables 5.4 and 5.8 to indicate whether Avoidance and Exclusion Areas are in the Study Area.
6. Section 5.5.1 indicates that a "qualified monitor will remain on-site during the life of construction". Please explain the role of the monitor, and whether the monitor is a 3<sup>rd</sup> party monitor.
7. Under what circumstances will the company conduct surveys for Dakota skippers during construction, operation, and maintenance of the project to avoid adverse impacts to the species?
8. Regarding potentially geologically unstable areas, will the company periodically assess Area B's slope for indications of slope movement associated with slumping and erosion near the toe of the slope? If yes, please describe the frequency of such assessments.
9. For all agencies in Table 6 that have not received notification of the amended application, please send such notifications, and please file copies of the correspondence with the Commission.
10. Please file copies of the following, if available:
  - a. SPCC Plan referenced in Section 8.2 of the application
  - b. Emergency procedures plan
  - c. Construction and environmental program plan
  - d. Erosion control plan
  - e. Storm water pollution prevention plan
  - f. Horizontal directional drilling inadvertent release control and mitigation contingency plan
  - g. Weed management plan
  - h. Dust control plan
  - i. Environmental training plan

Please let me know whether you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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