

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CORRIDOR  
COMPATIBILITY AND ROUTE PERMIT  
FOR THE BUDDY DOMINDGO PIPELINE  
PROJECT IN WILLIAMS COUNTY,  
NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. PU-22-\_\_\_\_\_

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**Application of Continental Resources, Inc. for Waiver or Reduction of  
Procedures and Time Schedules**

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In connection with its submission of a consolidated application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit (“Consolidated Application”) for the construction of the Buddy Domindgo Pipeline (the “Project”), Continental Resources, Inc. (“Continental”), submits to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) this application for a waiver or reduction of procedures and time schedules set forth in Chapter 49-22.1 of the North Dakota Century Code (“Siting Act”) and Article 69-06 of the North Dakota Administrative Code (“Siting Rules”). Continental requests the Commission waive and/or reduce procedures and time schedules required by the Siting Act and Siting Rules to accomplish the purposes as requested herein. In accordance with North Dakota Century Code Sections 49-22.1-05, 49-22.1-08 and 49-22.1-10, and North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-06-01-02 and Chapter 69-06-06, Continental’s request includes, but is not limited to:

1. That the Commission accept the Consolidated Application for a certificate and route permit pursuant to Section 49-22.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code and waive the provisions of North Dakota Century Code Sections 49-22.1-06, 49-22.1-07, and 49-22.1-10, and North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-06-01-02 insofar as they require separate notices of filing of applications for a Certificate of Corridor

Compatibility (“Corridor Certificate”), a Route Permit, and the application for waiver of procedures and time schedules (“Waiver Application”), separate hearings on such applications, and certain time schedules as set forth in said statutes and rules.

2. That the Commission hold a single consolidated hearing on this Waiver Application and the Consolidated Application.
3. That the Commission allow for a consolidated notice of publication with respect to the Consolidated Application and Waiver Application.
4. That the Commission waive the requirements of Section 69-06-05-01(2)(f) of the North Dakota Administrative Code insofar as this section may require a corridor width of ten percent of the corridor’s length with a maximum width of six miles, reducing the required corridor width to between 200 feet and one mile for the Project.

Consistent with Section 69-06-06-01(2) of the North Dakota Administrative Code, Continental provides the following information in support of its waiver requests:

**A. Description of Proposed Project.**

1. **Type:** The proposed Project is located in Williams County, North Dakota and consists of construction of one (1) buried 8-inch steel natural gas pipeline commencing at the interconnection with the existing East Mon-Dak WBI Energy Transmission Line and terminating at Continental’s existing Buddy Domindgo well pad, a distance of approximately 3.1 miles, where the gas will be compressed and injected downhole for enhanced oil recovery purposes. Surface facilities (e.g., valves) related to the proposed pipeline will be located entirely within existing facility boundaries and pipeline markers will be placed along the Project route.

2. **Product:** The Project will transport natural gas.

3. **Capacity and Design:** The Project will require installation of 8-inch diameter steel pipeline with a nominal wall thickness of 0.250 -inches. The maximum operating pressure for the pipeline is 1,440 pounds per square inch (psi), with the normal operating pressure for the pipeline being 450 psi. The pipeline will be designed to operate at a maximum of 120 degrees Fahrenheit and to carry up to 30 million standard cubic feet per day (MMSCFD) of natural gas. The Project will be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained in compliance with applicable portions of the U.S. Department of Transportation regulations set forth in 49 C.F.R. Part 192, Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline, and Part 195, Transportation of Hazardous Liquids.

For additional analysis of the capacity, design and technology utilized for the proposed Project, please see Section 1 of Continental's Consolidated Application, which accompanies this Waiver Application.

4. **Location:** As explained above, the 8-inch steel natural gas pipeline will originate at the interconnection with the existing East Mon-Dak WBI Energy Transmission Line in Section 2, Township 155 North, Range 99 West, Williams County, North Dakota, approximately 1.5 miles west of Epping, North Dakota. From the interconnection with the East Mon-Dak WBI Energy Transmission Line, the pipeline will travel north approximately 3.1 miles to Continental's existing Buddy Domindgo well pad located in Section 27, Township 156 North, Range 99 West. Maps of the proposed Project and route of the pipeline are provided in Appendix A to the Consolidated Application filed herewith.

5. **Geographical Service Area:** As noted above, the Project is located entirely in Williams County, North Dakota. The Project will transport gas from the existing East Mon-Dak WBI Energy Transmission Line for ultimate injection at Continental's Buddy Domindgo well pad for enhanced oil recovery purposes.

6. **Time Schedule:** Continental proposes to develop the Project on the following schedule:

- Continental has completed one hundred percent (100%) of the right-of-way acquisition required for the Project.
- After the Commission issues a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit for the Project, Continental will begin construction of the Project.
- Continental will have completed construction of the Project two months after commencement of construction.
- Commissioning and restoration activities will commence immediately following construction of the Project.

7. **Future Plans:** Continental has no specific plans for additions to or modification of the Project at this time.

8. **Need for the Facility and Alternatives Considered.**

The North Dakota Industrial Commission has approved Continental's application to determine the economic viability of enhanced oil recovery in the Bakken Pool with a stimulation process utilizing cyclic injection of natural gas and flowback operations (the "Pilot Injection Project"). Continental's goal is to achieve miscibility of the injected gas and reservoir oil to mobilize the oil and aid in its recovery. Continental believes the results of the Pilot Injection Project will aid in the future design of multiple well projects and better inform well-spacing and development strategies. The Buddy Domindgo Pipeline is necessary to supply sufficient volumes of natural gas to the Pilot Injection Project. For additional analysis of the need for the Project, including a discussion of alternatives evaluated, please see Sections 1 and 4 of the Consolidated Application, which accompanies this Waiver Application.

9. **Cost.**

The total estimated cost of the Project is \$3.55 million.

**B. Waiver Request.**

Continental requests that the Commission grant the waivers requested herein because these waivers are needed to prevent potentially significant delays to the Project. Without the waivers of time schedules and procedures requested, completion of Continental's proposed Project will be delayed, which in turn, will delay the environmentally sound and economic development and utilization of the oil and gas resources in western North Dakota.

Section 49-22.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code provides that the Commission may waive procedures and time schedules upon a finding that "the proposed facility is of a length, design, location, or purpose that it will produce minimal adverse effects." Based upon the investigation and analysis set forth in Continental's Consolidated Application, granting the requested waivers is appropriate because the proposed Project will produce minimal adverse effects due to its length (approximately 3.1 miles of new construction), its design (underground piping and limited above-ground appurtenances associated with an underground pipeline), its location (located in rural Williams County, and avoiding Exclusion and Avoidance Areas, as set forth in Section 69-06-08-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code), and its purpose (underground transportation of natural gas).

In determining whether the proposed pipeline will result in adverse impacts on the environment, Continental evaluated the Project using the criteria set forth in the Siting Act, the Siting Rules, and the Commission's guidelines. More specifically, Continental evaluated the impacts of the Project and associated facilities considering the siting criteria set forth in Section 69-06-08-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code and the factors set forth in Section 49-22.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code. Impacts associated with the Project, and mitigation measures that will be taken with respect to said impacts, are summarized in

Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Continental's Consolidated Application. Based upon Continental's siting criteria evaluation, and the factors set forth in the Siting Rules, the Project will have minimal adverse effects.

Accordingly, Continental respectfully requests the Commission grant the requested waivers and render an expeditious decision.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2022.

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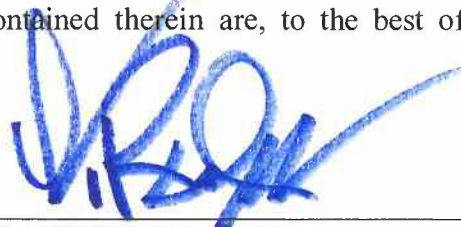
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LAWRENCE BENDER, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says:

That he is the duly elected and qualified attorney for Continental Resources, Inc., the applicant in the foregoing application; that he executed the foregoing application for and on behalf of said applicant and as its said attorney that he has read said application and knows the contents thereof, and that the statements made and contained therein are, to the best of his knowledge and belief, true and correct.



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LAWRENCE BENDER

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of March, 2022.

  
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Notary Public