

6.4 POLICY CRITERIA

6.4.1 LOCATION AND DESIGN

The Spring Creek II Pump Station is being sited in accordance with North Dakota Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act (NDCC Chapter 49-22.1). The location has been selected to avoid and minimize environmental and human impacts while meeting the purpose and need of the Project.

The Station will be constructed and operated according to all applicable regulations and the Project will meet or exceed state and federal safety requirements and will be designed in accordance with 49 CFR part 195. All persons and firms providing service to ONEOK are required to conduct their work in compliance with environmental conditions, permit authorizations, and applicable regulations and will be held accountable for their actions.

6.4.2 TRAINING AND UTILIZATION OF IN-STATE LABOR

Initial construction of the new pump station will require approximately 100 workers in North Dakota. ONEOK does not anticipate any new permanent employees will be required when the Station is operational.

6.4.3 ECONOMIES OF CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION

ONEOK will invest approximately \$23 million in North Dakota to develop this Project. Once constructed and in-service, the continued costs of maintenance and operation of the new Station is expected to be minimal.

6.4.4 USE OF CITIZEN COORDINATING COMMITTEES

ONEOK has established and maintains good relationships with local residents through its long-term regional presence operating various assets in the area. Through these relationships, ONEOK has maintained several grassroots communication channels to inform local residents regarding the developments associated with the Project. ONEOK will continue to maintain contact with local government officials. Through these contacts, Project-related information will be exchanged and should concerns arise, ONEOK will work with officials to resolve those issues.

6.4.5 COMMITMENT OF PORTION OF TRANSMITTED PRODUCT FOR USE IN STATE

The proposed Station will be located along ONEOK's existing Demicks Lake Pipeline, which interconnects with ONEOK's existing Demicks Lake Natural Gas Processing Plant. The Project will allow for the delivery of additional NGLs from the Bakken and Three Forks production areas to facilities in the Mid-Continent and Gulf Coast regions. The NGLs will be processed into commercial products prior to distribution to various markets to meet the existing need for agriculture and the petrochemical and plastics industries, as well as for refining and home heating throughout the United States.