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Via Electronic Mail & U.S. Mail

Mr. Steve Kahl
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In re: ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C.
Siting Application - Amendment
Cherry Creek Lateral Pipeline Project
McKenzie County
Case No. PU-23-015
Our File No. 072530-000018

Dear Mr. Kahl:

On behalf of ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C., below is information provided in response to the Commission's request for additional information at the March 9, 2023 informal hearing for the above-referenced matter.

Q1. Basis of intervals used in field surveys?

A. Merjent biological crews field surveyed and investigated the entire survey area during the Project's natural resource surveys. This entailed walking and viewing the entire survey area using a "boots on the ground" approach. While the survey area was walked, the survey area was viewed from distances sufficient to determine the presence or absence of wetlands or streams, threatened and endangered species habitat, trees and shrubs, eagle and raptor nests, and noxious weed/invasive species. Walking intervals varied during the biological field surveys due to landscape. If portions of the survey area were obscured due to topography, tree or shrub cover, or other visual impediments, these areas were investigated closer at distances that visual inspection of the entire survey area could be observed and an assessment made on biological conditions. If the visual inspection did not confirm a lack of biological resources or there were questionable areas, these areas were further inspected with soil sampling, vegetation identification and inventory, and/or closer visual inspection. Additionally, wetland delineations were conducted based on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers protocols, as described in the Application's Natural Resource Survey Report. Representative photos

were taken and geolocated that provide survey visuals of the general site conditions and ecological features.

Q2. Number of pipelines monitored by ONEOK's control room?

- A. The console for this system is monitored 24/7 by one controller. This particular console includes the ONEOK Bakken, Elk Creek, and Rockies Gathering pipeline systems.

Q3. Number of personnel onsite at the Lonesome Creek Gas Plant?

- A. At all times, there are a minimum of two operations personnel at the Lonesome Creek Gas Plant.

Q4. Cost to bore under the five areas of potentially suitable Dakota skipper habitat?

- A. There are many factors that dictate the difference in cost between a conventional lay and a bored/horizontal directional drilled ("HDD") location including extra personnel, extra workspaces, heavier wall pipe and inspection. These costs vary, sometimes significantly, from one project to another and the additional estimated cost for this project should not be used as a guideline for future projects. Taking into account the above, ONEOK estimates the cost difference associated with bore/HDD of the potential Dakota skipper habitat sites to total approximately \$215,000.00.

Please feel free to call should you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey A. Furey

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