

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF HILAND CRUDE, LLC FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF CORRIDOR
COMPATIBILITY AND ROUTE PERMIT
FOR THE GULLICKSON REROUTE
PIPELINE PROJECT IN MCKENZIE
COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. PU-25-83

**REQUEST TO ALLOW JOHN CANNON TO APPEAR AS A WITNESS AT HEARING
THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEANS**

A hearing on the application in this matter is scheduled to take place on July 3, 2025, in Watford City, ND. John Cannon—senior environmental project manager for Merjent, Inc.—is expected to testify as a witness at said hearing. However, due to a family matter, Mr. Cannon will be unable to travel to Watford City and attend the hearing in person.

The North Dakota Century Code provides that a “hearing may be conducted ... by making use of telephone, television, facsimile services, or other electronic means if each participant in the hearing has an opportunity to participate in, to hear, and, if practicable, to see the entire proceeding while it is taking place, and if such use does not substantially prejudice or infringe on the rights and interests of any party.” N.D.C.C. § 28-32-35. And the North Dakota Administrative Code similarly provides that a “hearing officer conducting a hearing for an agency under [N.D.C.C. ch. 28-32] may conduct a hearing ... by making use of electronic means.” N.D.A.C. § 98-02-03-10.

Applicant Hiland Crude, LLC (“Hiland”) requests that Administrative Law Judge Hope Hogan (“ALJ Hogan”) issue an order allowing Mr. Cannon to appear as a witness at the hearing through whichever electronic means is most convenient for ALJ Hogan and the North Dakota Public Service Commission. Doing so will allow “each participant in the hearing [to have] an opportunity to participate in, to hear, and ... see the entire proceeding while it is taking place,” and

it will “not substantially prejudice or infringe on the rights and interests of any party.” N.D.C.C. § 28-32-35. Moreover, counsel for Hiland has conferred with Zachary Pelham—advisory counsel for the Commission. Mr. Pelham approves of Mr. Cannon appearing at the hearing through electronic means.

Dated this 27th day of June, 2025.

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