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PSC Schedules Public Hearing in New Town for Proposed Expansion of the Robinson Lake Oil Conditioning Facility

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in New Town on Monday, March 30, regarding a proposal to expand the existing Robinson Lake Oil Conditioning Facility in Mountrail County.

In keeping with recommendations of public health officials to minimize public gatherings during this COVID-19 event, members of the public are encouraged to provide their comments in writing. Comments will be accepted into the official record up to five days after the hearing. They can be submitted by e-mail to ndpsc@nd.gov or mailed to 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408, Bismarck, ND 58505. Additionally, a recording of this hearing will be available on our website the following day (www.psc.nd.gov and click on the case under “hot topics”).

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation is proposing to increase the existing facility’s capacity from 45,000 barrels per day to 65,000 barrels per day. State law requires facilities processing more than 50,000 barrels per day obtain a siting permit from the Commission. The expansion would include the installation of additional heaters, pumps, and control valves. All work associated with the project will occur within the previously developed facility footprint located on Whiting property. Estimated cost of the expansion project is \$1.2 million. The cost to construct the existing facility was approximately \$6 million.

The facility processes crude oil delivered from Whiting’s Robinson Lake oil gathering system. Once conditioned, the crude will be transported to out of state markets by pipeline. The facility is located approximately 7.9 miles northeast of New Town. (Note to the media: A map showing the location of the project has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- **Monday, March 30, 2020 – 10 a.m. Central**
Teddy’s Residential Suites
951 Eagle Drive, New Town, ND 58763

This hearing will be conducted by a substantive Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). The ALJ will conduct the hearing and related proceedings and issue a recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law and a recommended order. The PSC Commissioners will review all the information in the record and make the final decision on the case at a later date.

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