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Public Hearing Scheduled in Watford City for Proposed Crude Oil Pipeline

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Watford City on Thursday, Feb. 11, regarding a proposal for a crude oil pipeline in McKenzie County.

Tesoro High Plains Pipeline Company, LLC, has submitted an application for a permit for the Targa Antelope Lateral Pipeline Project. The new 1.4-mile long, 12-inch diameter crude oil pipeline would be built in McKenzie County. The project would enable Tesoro to more fully utilize its existing pipeline system, increase the storage and transportation capabilities of the system, and provide increased flexibility in transporting Bakken production the Tesoro's Mandan Refinery and other customer outlets. The maximum capacity of the pipeline would be 75,000 barrels per day, with a normal throughput of approximately 30,000 barrels per day. Estimated cost of the project is \$8.9 million.

The pipeline would connect the Targa Resources surface site and associated facilities with Tesoro's existing main trunk line approximately one mile south of Tesoro's Charlson Station. (Note to the media: A map showing the pipeline route has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- **When: Thursday, February 11, 2016 – 11:30 a.m. CST**
- **Where: Teddy's Residential Suites
113 9th Avenue SE, Watford City, N.D.**

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.

The hearing provides an opportunity for members of the public to contribute to the PSC's official record. Any comments from members of the public must be received at the hearing to be part of the record. People with concerns, questions or support/opposition for the project are encouraged to attend the hearing and present the information. Information received after the hearing will not be part of the official record and cannot be used as a basis for the Commission's decision unless certain additional procedures are followed.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate certain business activities in the state including electric and gas utilities, telecommunications companies, power plants, electric transmission lines, pipelines, railroads, grain elevators, auctioneers, commercial weighing devices, pipeline safety and coal mine reclamation. For more information, contact the Public Service Commission at (701) 328-2400 or www.psc.nd.gov.

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