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**PSC PERMITS NEW CRUDE OIL PIPELINE
BETWEEN KILLDEER AND DICKINSON**

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission Monday approved a pipeline siting permit for the Bakken Oil Express 16-inch crude oil pipeline between Killdeer and Dickinson, N.D. The permit allows the company to begin construction of the 38-mile pipeline, which will originate at a tanker truck unloading and pumping facility near Killdeer and transport oil to an existing Bakken Oil Express rail facility west of Dickinson.

The \$14 million pipeline will have the maximum capacity of 165,000 barrels per day, the equivalent of eliminating up to 825 tanker trucks per day off ND Highway 22. Construction is expected to take 12-14 weeks.

“This pipeline provides a safe and efficient transportation method for significant volumes of crude oil and will eliminate hundreds of tanker trucks from one of the state’s busiest stretches of highway,” Commissioner Julie Fedorchak, who holds the siting portfolio, said. “This is an important addition to the infrastructure serving our state’s growing energy industry.”

The design, construction and operation of the transmission pipeline will be in accordance with United States Department of Transportation regulations. During the siting hearing, company officials said the pipeline’s control center will be located in Killdeer and will be monitored 24 hours/day. The pipeline will be equipped with emergency shut-off valves and flow meters that measure all product coming in and out of the pipeline.

“This order contains a directive that requires the company to inform the PSC of any spills that are reported to other state and federal agencies,” Commissioner Brian Kalk, chairman of the PSC, said. “This is a first for the PSC and certainly appropriate.”

Commissioner Randy Christmann said, “Based on our hearing it appears the company has done a good job of working with impacted landowners. Building that relationship with the landowners is an important first step in the long-term operation of the project.”

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate 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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