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### **Public Hearing Scheduled in Watford City for Proposed Natural Gas Processing Plant**

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 18, regarding a proposed natural gas processing plant that would be located approximately 13 miles southwest of Watford City in McKenzie County.

ONEOK Rockies Midstream LLC has submitted an application to construct the Lonesome Creek Gas Processing Plant. The facility will process natural gas from oil production wells connected to ONEOK's gathering system and will have the capacity to process up to 200 million cubic feet of natural gas per day. Once processed, natural gas liquids (containing products such as propane, butane and natural gasoline) will be transferred to on-site storage tanks prior to being sold to a pipeline. Residue gas, largely methane and ethane, will be transferred to the Northern Border Pipeline. ONEOK is planning to start construction by July 1 and have the plant operational by the end of 2015.

Once constructed, the plant will occupy about half of a 160-acre plot at the location. Estimated cost of the project is \$280 million. (Note to the media: A map showing the proposed location has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

#### **Details for the public hearing are as follows:**

- **When: Wednesday, June 18, 2014 – 10 a.m. CDT**
- **Where: Teddy's Residential Suites  
113 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Watford City, N.D.**

The hearings provide 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 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 hearing schedule provides for the company to present its case and answer questions from the Commissioners first, after which the Commission will take comments from other parties and the public.

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](http://www.psc.nd.gov).

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