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Pipeline Hearing Scheduled March 18 in Williston

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Williston on Wednesday, March 18, regarding a proposal for a crude oil pipeline in Williams County.

Meadowlark Midstream Company and Epping Transmission Company have submitted an application to operate an approximately 14-mile long, 10-inch diameter crude oil pipeline and associated facilities. The project will involve the conversion of 10 miles of existing gathering pipeline into a transmission line, construction of four miles of new pipeline and expansion of Meadowlark's Epping Station with the addition of one above ground storage tank with a capacity of approximately 55,000 barrels. Total cost for the project is estimated at \$18 million.

The project will transport crude oil from the Epping Station to the Little Muddy Creek Station, which is located approximately 10 miles northwest of Epping, N.D. (Note to the media: A map showing the pipeline location has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- **When: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 – 9 a.m. CDT**
- **Where: Ernie French Center, NDSU Williston Research Center
14120 Highway 2, Williston, 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 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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