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PSC Approves Siting Permits for Two Pipeline Projects in Western North Dakota

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) today approved siting permits for two separate pipeline projects being planned by Meadowlark Midstream Company.

The first permit is for a project submitted jointly by Meadowlark Midstream Company, LLC, and Epping Transmission Company, LLC, to operate an approximately 14-mile long, 10-inch diameter crude oil pipeline and associated facilities in Williams County. 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. 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 and will be used to ship between 15,000 to 30,000 barrels of oil per day. Total cost for the project is estimated at \$18 million.

The second permit is for Meadowlark to operate an approximately 46-mile long, 10-inch diameter crude oil pipeline in Divide and Burke Counties. The pipeline will have an estimated maximum capacity of 50,000 barrels per day. The project also includes the construction of one additional above ground tank with a storage capacity of 400 barrels and other facilities related to the pipeline. The pipeline will carry crude oil from the Divide Pump Station (approximately 10 miles southeast of Fortuna) to the Basin Transload Rail Facility (approximately 2 miles southeast of Columbus). Estimated cost of the project is \$33 million.

“These pipelines are more vital infrastructure to serve this industry long term,” said Commission Chairman Julie Fedorchak. “These projects will reduce the noise, dust and congestion associated with truck transport of large volumes of crude. During the hearings, we had extensive discussions with the company and the public about reclamation, leak detection and response. Meadowlark has committed to restoring the land properly and will have multiple, redundant leak detection measures in place as well as a thorough response plan for any leak that might occur.”

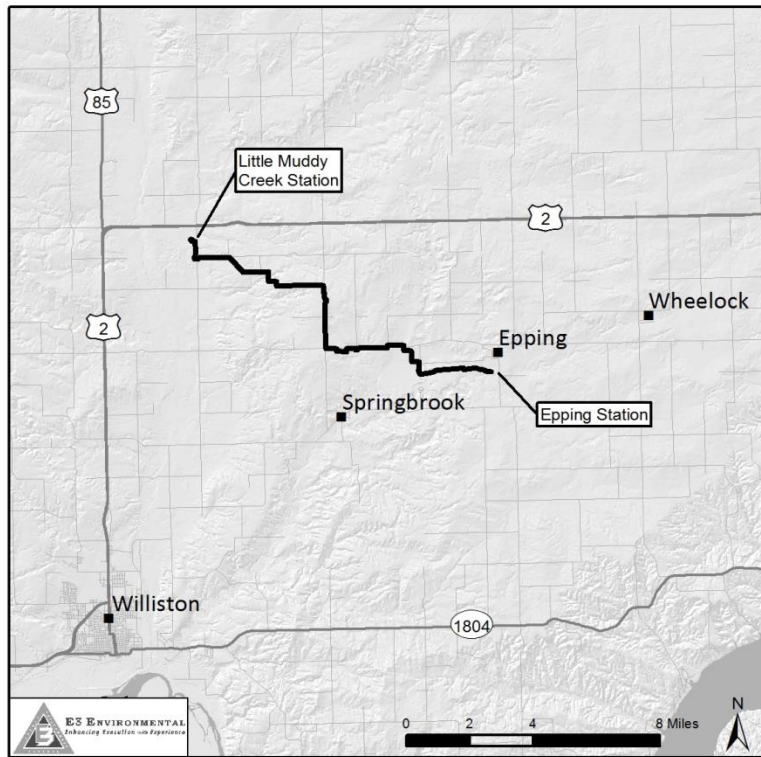
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PU-14-823 Meadowlark Midstream Company, LLC
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