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PSC Public Hearing Scheduled for Sept. 17 in Stanley
Proposal Would Convert Existing Oil Gathering Pipeline into a Transmission Line

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Stanley on Thursday, Sept. 17, regarding a proposal to convert an existing crude oil gathering pipeline into a transmission line. The approximately 42.5-mile long, 8-inch diameter existing pipeline is located in Mountrail County.

Hiland Crude, LLC has submitted an application to convert their existing gathering pipeline system into a transmission line and to construct ancillary above ground facilities. The New Town Expansion Pipeline, which connects to Hiland's Market Center Pipeline System, is currently the only system capable of transporting crude oil from lease sites in Williams, McKenzie and Mountrail Counties with connections to transmission pipelines that can transport crude oil to multiple shipping points for out-of-state sale. The pipeline will have a maximum capacity of approximately 36,000 barrels per day. Estimated cost of the project is \$15 million.

The pipeline originates 5 miles south of Ross, N.D., at Hiland's White Earth Injection Station and runs 42.5 miles to the south-southwest, ending at the Dakota Plains Holdings, Inc.'s, Pioneer rail terminal, approximately 1.5 miles southeast of New Town, N.D. (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, Sept. 17, 2015 – 9 a.m. CDT**
- **Where: Mountrail County South Complex
8103 61st Street NW, Stanley, N.D.**

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

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