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PSC Schedules Public Hearing in Williston for Proposed Crude Oil Pipeline

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Williston on Tuesday, Nov. 22, regarding a proposal for a crude oil pipeline in Williams County.

Epping Transmission Company, LLC, has submitted an application for a permit for a new 3.2-mile long, 12.75-inch diameter crude oil pipeline. The project will also have two separate 8-inch diameter pipeline connections, one to the existing Divide Mainline Pipeline and the second to the new Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) valve site. Each connection line is approximately 0.1-miles in length. The purpose of the connection lines is to allow flexibility to the existing infrastructure as these lines will allow crude to be added to or taken away from the DAPL Connection pipeline. The main pipeline will have a maximum capacity of 70,000 barrels per day with normal throughput of 30,000 barrels per day. The estimated cost of the project is \$6.5 million.

The pipeline would start at the existing Epping Station located approximately 0.4 miles south of Epping and will loop around the west side of Epping, extending northeast to end at the DAPL Epping Facility located approximately 1.8 miles northeast of Epping. (Note to the media: A map showing the proposed location of the pipeline has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- **When: Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016 – 9 a.m. Central**
- **Where: Ernie French Center**
NDSU Williston Research Extension Center
14120 Highway 2, Williston, ND 58801

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,

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