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

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) today approved siting permits for two new pipeline projects – a crude oil pipeline and a natural gas liquids pipeline.

The first permit approved is for Oasis Midstream Services, LLC, to construct and operate the Wild Basin to Johnsons Corner Pipeline in McKenzie County. The pipeline will be a new 10.75-inch diameter crude oil mainline with one lateral pipeline totaling approximately 19 miles in length (the mainline is approximately 18.3 miles and the lateral is approximately 0.9 miles in length). The pipeline would have a maximum capacity of 75,000 barrels per day. Oasis also plans to build three above ground storage tanks at the Wild Basin Gas Processing and Crude Handling Facility with a storage capacity of 200,000 barrels. Estimated cost of the project is \$13 million.

"This is a project that provides additional storage and handling resources and builds a strategic connection from the oil fields to export pipelines," said Commission Chairman Julie Fedorchak who holds the pipeline siting portfolio. "The volumes being transported by this line would require 280 truck trips each day, burdening local residents and causing additional wear and tear on our road system."

The mainline will originate at the Wild Basin Gas Processing and Crude Handling Facility near Watford City and extend southeast to end at the Tesoro Johnsons Corner Station, which is approximately 2.8 miles east of Johnsons Corner (map provided on page 3). The lateral would transport crude from the mainline near Johnsons Corner to the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline, at a point approximately 0.8 miles east of Johnsons Corner.

The design, construction and operation of the pipeline will be accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation regulations governing the transportation of crude oil. The company will be installing a supervisory control and data acquisition system (SCADA) and operations will be monitored at all times from a control room at the Wild Basin Processing Plant facility in McKenzie County. Isolation valves at the beginning and end of the pipeline can be shut-down remotely and doing so will effectively isolate the pipeline. Oasis will prepare an emergency response plan prior to beginning operation of the project and will coordinate with local authorities and emergency managers.

The second pipeline permit approved today is for the Bear Creek natural gas liquids (NGL) Pipeline Project, submitted by ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, LLC. The new approximately 37-mile long, 8-inch diameter NGL pipeline will be built in Dunn and McKenzie Counties. The pipeline will carry Y-grade NGLs (a mixture of ethane, propane, butanes, iso-butane mix, pentanes and natural gasoline) produced at the Bear Creek Plant, which is presently under construction. The maximum capacity of the pipeline will be approximately 14,000 barrels per day. Estimated cost of the project is \$45 million.

The pipeline will start at the ONEOK Bear Creek Plant in Dunn County and extend to the northwest, ending at an interconnection with ONEOK's existing Targa Pipeline on the east side of Highway 85 in McKenzie County (map provided on page 3).

The design, construction and operation of the pipeline will be accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation regulations governing the transportation of hazardous liquids. The company will be installing a supervisory control and data acquisition system (SCADA) and operations will be monitored continuously. ONEOK will incorporate this pipeline into its existing emergency response plan and coordinate with local authorities and emergency managers. The company will bore through sensitive areas, including the Little Missouri National Grasslands and approximately 60 percent of the pipeline will be co-located with other pipelines to minimize impacts.

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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