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### **PSC Schedules Public Hearing in Fargo for Proposed Petroleum Products Storage Facility**

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Fargo on Tuesday, March 29, regarding a proposal for a refined petroleum products storage and distribution facility in Cass County.

Cenex Pipeline, LLC, has submitted an application for a permit for the Cenex Prosper Terminal, a storage and distribution facility that would supply refined petroleum products to NuStar Pipeline's proposed 8-inch Laurel Interconnect Pipeline that would connect to NuStar's existing 10-inch North System Pipeline at the proposed Mapleton Junction site. The facility, along with the Laurel Interconnect Pipeline, will provide additional storage and distribution capability of refined petroleum products (gasoline and diesel) from Cenex's existing pipeline, which extends from the CHS Refinery in Laurel, Mont., to an existing terminal in Fargo, as well as Nustar's existing North System Pipeline, which extends from the Tesoro Refinery in Mandan to a terminal in Roseville, Minn.

The 63-acre facility will initially consist of three 145,000 barrel above-ground storage tanks with the potential to install three additional 145,000 barrel tanks; one 10,000 barrel tank to receive product from the mainline pressure relief valve in the event of a pipeline upset condition; and additional metering stations and pump stations.

The facility would be located approximately 1.3 miles southeast of Prosper, N.D. Estimated cost of the project is \$17 million. (Note to the media: A map showing the proposed location of the project has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

#### **Details for the public hearing are as follows:**

- **When: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 – 9 a.m. CDT**
- **Where: NDSU Harry D. McGovern Alumni Center  
1241 North University Drive, Fargo, ND 58102**

This hearing will be conducted by a substantive Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). The ALJ will conduct the hearing and related proceedings and issue a recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law and a recommended order. The PSC Commissioners will review all the information in the record and make the final decision on the case at a later date.

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 reclamation. For more information, contact the Public Service Commission at (701) 328-2400 or [www.psc.nd.gov](http://www.psc.nd.gov).

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