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### PSC Schedules Public Hearing in Watford City for Proposed Crude Oil Pipeline

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Watford City on Monday, June 27, regarding a proposal for a crude oil pipeline in McKenzie County.

Plains All American Pipeline, L.P., has submitted an application for a permit for the Johnsons Corner to Dakota Access Pipeline Project, a new 3.5-mile long, 24-inch diameter crude oil pipeline. The pipeline would be constructed to allow crude to follow in either direction. The pipeline will have a maximum capacity of 150,000 barrels per day, with a normal throughput of approximately 50,000 barrels per day. The estimated cost of the project is \$5 million.

The pipeline will start at the Plains Johnsons Corner Terminal (approximately 3 miles east of Johnsons Corner) and end at the Dakota Access Pipeline Johnsons Corner Terminal Facility (approximately 1 mile southeast of Johnsons Corner). From the Dakota Access Terminal, the crude oil will be transported via interconnecting pipelines for distribution to refineries across the U.S. (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: Monday, June 27, 2016 – 11 a.m. Central**
- **Where: Teddy's Residential Suites  
113 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Watford City, ND 58854**

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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