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PSC Approves Siting Permits for Three Pipeline Projects in Western North Dakota

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

ONEOK 16-Inch Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) Pipeline – McKenzie County

The first permit approved is for ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, LLC, to construct and operate the Garden Creek Loop NGL Pipeline Project in McKenzie County. The pipeline will be a new 16-inch diameter, 14.4-mile long NGL pipeline and associated facilities. The pipeline would transport Y-grade NGLs, which is a mixture of ethane, propane, butanes, iso-butane mix, pentanes, and natural gasoline. Estimated cost of the project is \$19.5 million.

The pipeline will parallel and interconnect with the existing ONEOK Garden Creek NGL Pipeline to expand its capacity from 74,000 barrels per day to 93,000 barrels per day. The existing Garden Creek Pipeline starts at the ONEOK Rockies Midstream Garden Creek Gas Plants near Watford City and proceeds generally west and south through McKenzie County. Approximately 12.8 miles of the new loop will be co-located with the existing pipeline right-of-way.

BOE 16-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline – Dunn and McKenzie Counties

The second permit approved today is for BOE Pipeline, LLC, to construct and operate a new 41.8-mile long, 16-inch diameter crude oil pipeline in Dunn and McKenzie Counties. The pipeline will carry crude oil from an Area Custody Transfer meter near Johnson's Corner to the BOE terminal near Killdeer, which is connected by an existing pipeline to the BOE Rail Hub located southwest of Dickinson. The BOE Rail Hub is a loading facility that provides producers and marketers access to destinations served by local rail. The pipeline will have a maximum capacity of 165,000 barrels per day. Total cost of the project is estimated to be \$55 million.

The pipeline will start at an Area Custody Transfer meter location eight miles east of Johnson's Corner and will extend to the southwest to end at the existing BOE terminal southwest of Killdeer.

Plains Terminals 16-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline – McKenzie County

The third permit approved today is for Plains Terminals North Dakota, LLC, to construct and operate the Johnson's Corner to Dakota Access Pipeline Project, a new 3.5-mile long, 16-inch diameter crude oil pipeline in McKenzie County. The pipeline will be constructed to allow crude to flow 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 will extend northwest to 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.

“These three pipeline projects were examined carefully by our staff experts, were discussed thoroughly at a public meeting in communities near to each project and meet the requirements established under North Dakota law for a permit to construct,” said Commission Chairman Julie Fedorchak. “Properly sited and safely constructed pipelines are the safest, most efficient, most environmentally sound way to transport these products and this infrastructure is important to our state, region and the U.S.”

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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