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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 Tuesday, September 13, regarding a proposal for a crude oil pipeline in McKenzie County.

NST Express, LLC, has submitted an application for a permit for a new 3.6-mile long, 8-inch diameter crude oil pipeline in McKenzie County. The purpose of the project is to transport crude oil from the existing Tesoro Break-Out Tank to the NST Express Alexander Facility. From there, the crude oil can be transported via the NST Express Pipeline to the NST Transload East Fairview Facility (rail loading facility) or via third-party interconnecting pipelines. The pipeline will have a maximum capacity of 40,000 barrels per day. The estimated cost of the project is \$6.8 million.

The pipeline will originate at Tesoro's existing Break-Out Tank site located approximately 6 miles north of Alexander and end at the NST Express Alexander Facility (currently under construction) located approximately 9 miles northwest of Alexander. (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, Sept. 13, 2016 – 11:30 a.m. Central**
- **Where: Teddy's Residential Suites
113 9th 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.

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