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PSC Approves Permits for New Gas Plant and Pipeline Upgrade Project
Projects Represent More than \$250 Million Invested in North Dakota Energy Projects

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) has approved siting permits for two projects representing more than \$250 million of investment in western North Dakota. The permits for the Arrow Bear Den Gas Processing Plant II and the Cenex Pipeline upgrade project were approved during the Commission’s meeting on March 14.

“These two projects represent additional energy infrastructure that is essential to the state’s oil and gas industry and will help improve environmental stewardship and quality of life,” said Commissioner Julie Fedorchak, who holds the siting portfolio. “Through the PSC permitting process the public had an opportunity to express concerns and provide input into these projects. We conducted a thorough review to ensure the projects meet the legal requirements of a permit and will be constructed with minimal impact to people, plants, animals and our cultural resources.”

Arrow Field Services has received a permit to build the Bear Den Gas Processing Plant II, which will have a processing capacity of 120 million cubic feet per day. The plant will produce Natural Gas Liquids (NGLs) such as propane, butane, and natural gasoline, as well as pipeline-grade natural gas, which is a mixture of methane, ethane and carbon dioxide. Estimated cost of the project is \$136 million. The plant will be located 7.5 miles southeast of Watford City on the same land parcel as the Arrow Bear Den Gas Processing Plant I, which is a 30 million cubic feet per day gas processing plant.

“These projects will mean less truck traffic, less flaring, improved safety, \$251 million invested into North Dakota, and enhanced energy independence for America,” said Commission Chairman Randy Christmann.

Cenex Pipeline will be constructing a 181.5 mile-long pipeline from Sydney, Mont., to Minot, N.D., to replace a portion of the existing 8-inch pipeline and add throughput. The North Dakota portion of this project includes 149.7 miles of 10-inch diameter pipeline running through Williams, Mountrail and Ward Counties. The pipeline will transport approximately 38,000 barrels of refined fuels per day, but will have a maximum capacity of 60,000 barrels per day. The estimated cost of the project is \$115 million. The entire Cenex Pipeline transports refined fuels from Laurel, Mont. to Fargo, N.D.

“The Cenex pipeline project not only adds capacity for moving refined product, but more importantly replaces aging infrastructure with safer, state-of-the-art technology,” said Commissioner Brian Kroshus. “The Arrow Bear Den expansion plays an important role from an environmental standpoint by reducing flaring. Projects like Arrow Bear Den further broaden the region’s economic

base, joining a growing list of exciting value-added energy projects currently underway in North Dakota.”

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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