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**PSC Schedules Public Hearing in Watford City for  
Proposed Crude Oil Pipeline Conversion Project**

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Watford City on Tuesday, April 10, regarding a proposal to convert an existing gathering pipeline system to a transmission pipeline system in McKenzie County.

Hess North Dakota Pipelines, LLC, has submitted an application to convert approximately 19 miles of 10-inch and 16-inch crude oil gathering pipeline into a transmission line. Because the line is already existing, the project would include minimal construction and above-ground disturbances, but booster pumps would be added to the pipeline in three different locations. The transmission pipeline would have a normal throughput of 100,000 barrels per day, but a maximum capacity of 160,000 barrels per day. Estimated cost of the project is \$107 million.

The mainline would start at Hess' existing Hawkeye Oil Facility and extend in a southerly direction with connections to the existing Crestwood Arrow Facility and the Dakota Access Pipeline Terminal. (Note to the media: A map showing the location of the project has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print. Please note that the top of the map represents East.)

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

- **When: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 – 9 a.m. Central**
- **Where: Teddy's Residential Suites  
113 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Watford City, ND 58854**

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 their 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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