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PSC to Hold Public Hearing in Linton for Proposed Pump Station Project

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Linton on Wednesday, Nov. 13, regarding a proposal for a pump station that would be added to the Dakota Access Pipeline in Emmons County.

Dakota Access, LLC, is proposing to construct a pump station that will consist of five 6,000 horsepower electrically driven motors and pumps contained within a building, which will allow the pipeline to increase its current maximum capacity of 600,000 barrels per day to up to 1.1 million barrels of crude oil per day. The proposed project does not include construction of additional mainline pipe. Estimated cost of the project is \$35 to \$40 million.

Dakota Access is a crude oil pipeline that starts in the Bakken region of North Dakota and ends in Illinois. In North Dakota, the pipeline runs approximately 358 miles through Mountrail, Williams, McKenzie, Dunn, Mercer, Morton and Emmons Counties.

The pump station would be located approximately five miles west of Linton on Highway 13. (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.)

At the hearing the Commission will hear the company's plans for the project and take public input. The factors the Commission will consider in the permitting decision are whether the proposed facility modifications will be located, constructed and operated in a manner that minimizes adverse human and environmental impacts while maintaining system integrity and ensuring the fulfillment of energy needs in an orderly fashion.

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- **Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019 – 9 a.m. Central
Emmons County Courthouse Auditorium
100 4th Street NW, Linton, ND 58552**

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, 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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