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PSC Approves Permit for Natural Gas Liquids Pipeline Project in McKenzie County

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) today approved a siting permit for a natural gas liquids (NGL) pipeline project in McKenzie County.

ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, LLC, has received a permit to construct an approximately 77 mile-long NGL pipeline (approx. 74 miles in North Dakota) that would start at the ONEOK Demicks Lake Natural Gas Processing Plant in McKenzie County and extend to the southwest ending in Richland County, Mont., at an interconnection with another pipeline.

“This project attempts to minimize impact to landowners and the environment by collocating this new line in an existing pipeline corridor for 51 of the 77 total miles,” said Commissioner Julie Fedorchak who holds the siting portfolio. “This is vital new infrastructure to help reduce flaring by capturing, processing and safely transporting the vast and valuable energy products being produced in the Bakken.”

The pipeline will be a 20-inch steel pipeline designed to carry a maximum throughput of 40,000 barrels per day. The pipeline will carry Y-grade NGLs (a mixture of ethane, propane, butanes, iso-butane mix, pentanes, and natural gasoline). Estimated cost of the project is \$125 million.

“This is another important infrastructure project in the Williston Basin to help address flaring,” said Commission Chairman Brian Kroshus. “Further, it’s a critical component in the value-added chain that extends beyond crude oil production itself, benefitting producers as well as land and mineral rights owners.”

The North Dakota portion of the pipeline would be located entirely in McKenzie County. (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.)

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