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PSC Schedules Public Hearing in Dickinson for Proposed Crude Oil Pipeline Conversion Project

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Dickinson on Monday, June 10, regarding a proposal to convert an existing crude oil pipeline into a transmission line. The approximately 18-mile long, 6-inch diameter existing pipeline is located in Stark, Dunn and Billings Counties.

Belle Fourche Pipeline Company has submitted an application to convert their existing gathering pipeline into a transmission line. The project was originally constructed in 1995 as a gathering line. In 2011, the line was extended into the Skunk Hill Station and served as a gathering line flowing west from Dickinson. In late 2011, the line was extended a few hundred feet into the Bakken Oil Express rail facility west of Dickinson. The last modification to this line was in 2015 when the line was extended one-half mile into the Dakota Prairie Refinery to deliver crude oil supplies to the refinery. No new construction will occur as part of this conversion project.

The maximum throughput of the project is 20,000 barrels per day. The company estimates the cost of the system at approximately \$10 million, but the exact amount is difficult to estimate due to the system being built in multiple sections over different time periods.

The pipeline originates at the Skunk Hill Pump Station in Billings County, approximately 10.5 miles north/northeast of Belfield, and runs 18 miles to the Andeavor Dickinson Refinery (formerly known as the Dakota Prairie Refinery), which is located five miles southwest of Dickinson. (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.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- **When: Monday, June 10, 2019 – 12 p.m. Mountain Time (1 p.m. Central)**
- **Where: TownePlace Suites by Marriott
240 29th Street West, Dickinson, ND 58601**

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.

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