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PSC to Hold Three Public Hearings for Proposed Dakota Access Pipeline

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold three public hearings regarding a proposal for the Dakota Access Pipeline. Hearings will be held in Mandan, Killdeer and Williston.

Dakota Access, LLC, has filed an application for the Dakota Access Pipeline. The entire pipeline would run approximately 1,150 miles beginning from the Bakken/Three Forks play in North Dakota through portions of South Dakota and Iowa and ending in Patoka, Illinois. The North Dakota portion consists of approximately 358 miles of crude oil pipeline that increases in diameter incrementally from 12 inches to 20, 24 and ultimately 30 inches.

It is estimated that the pipeline will initially transport approximately 450,000 barrels of crude oil per day, with a maximum capacity of 570,000 barrels per day or greater depending on demand. Six tank terminals are planned along the route: at the starting point near Stanley, south of Tioga, near Epping, near Trenton, near Watford City, and at Johnson's Corner. Estimated cost of the entire project is \$3.78 billion, with nearly \$1.41 billion estimated for the North Dakota portion.

(Note to the media: A map showing the location of the North Dakota portion of the pipeline has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearings are as follows:

- **Thursday, May 28, 2015 – 8:30 a.m. CDT**
Baymont Inn (formerly Seven Seas Hotel)
2611 Old Red Trail, Mandan, N.D.
(Hearing will focus primarily on portions of project in Mercer, Morton and Emmons Counties)
- **Monday, June 15, 2015 – 9 a.m. MDT (10 a.m. CDT)**
High Plains Cultural Center
194 Central Ave. South, Killdeer, N.D.
(Hearing will focus primarily on portions of project in McKenzie, Dunn and Mercer Counties)
- **Friday, June 26, 2015 – 9 a.m. CDT**
Ernie French Center
14120 Highway 2, Williston, N.D.
(Hearing will focus primarily on portions of project in Mountrail, Williams and McKenzie Counties)

The hearings provide 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 hearings to be part of the record. People with concerns, questions or support for the project are encouraged to attend a hearing and present the 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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