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Hearing Scheduled for Proposed Crude Oil Pipeline in McKenzie County

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Watford City on Tuesday, April 19, regarding a proposal for a crude oil pipeline in McKenzie County.

Sacagawea Pipeline Company, LLC, has submitted an application for a permit for the location of a new 15-mile long, 16-inch diameter crude oil pipeline and associated facilities. The pipeline system will be constructed to allow crude to flow in either direction, allowing for flexibility and access to more sales points depending on market conditions. The interconnection with the Sacagawea Pipeline and its interconnections to rail terminals and other pipeline systems will provide access to multiple refinery markets throughout the U.S. The pipeline will have a maximum capacity of 100,000 barrels per day, with a normal throughput of 75,000 barrels per day. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$20 million.

The project, known as the Johnson's Corner Connector Pipeline, would originate from a location near Johnson's Corner and end at the Keene Crude Oil Terminal. This segment of the pipeline is approximately 13 miles long. The northern portion of the pipeline is co-located with a previously proposed pipeline project, which is currently pending with the Commission.

The project also includes an additional approximately 2-mile long pipeline segment that would originate from Johnson's Corner and interconnect with the Dakota Access Pipeline. (Note to the media: A map showing the pipeline route has been provided to you for use with any announcements or stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- When: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 9 a.m. CDT
- Where: Teddy's Residential Suites
 113 9th Avenue SE, 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 the information. <u>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.</u>

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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