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**PSC Schedules Public Hearing in Watford City for
Proposed Crude Oil Pipeline Conversion Project**

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Watford City on Tuesday, June 11, regarding a proposal to convert an existing crude oil pipeline into a transmission line. The approximately 20-mile long, 8-inch diameter existing pipeline is located in McKenzie County.

Belle Fourche Pipeline Company has submitted an application to convert their existing gathering pipeline into a transmission line. The project consists of multiple connecting pipeline segments that have been laid from 1978 to 2012. The maximum throughput of the pipeline is 43,200 barrels per day. No new construction will occur as part of this conversion project.

The company estimates the cost of the system at approximately \$16 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 Wilson Station in McKenzie County approximately six miles south of Watford City and runs 20 miles to the Bowline Junction Station located 19 miles southeast of Alexander. (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: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 – 9 a.m. Central**
- **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 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,

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