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## PSC Schedules Public Hearing for Natural Gas Pipeline Project in McKenzie County

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 6, regarding a request for a siting permit for a natural gas pipeline in McKenzie County.

Caliber North Dakota LLC is requesting a siting permit for an approximately 2.62 mile long, 8-inch natural gas pipeline. Caliber constructed the pipeline in Aug. 2014 and did not have an issued siting certificate or permit. On Oct. 15, 2021, Caliber submitted a request to the PSC for temporary approval to continue operation of the pipeline and make modifications to facilitate bi-directional flows. The Commission granted temporary authorization to operate and modify the pipeline on Nov. 3, 2021, and ordered Caliber to submit a siting application by Nov. 30, 2021.

Caliber owns and operates a gas gathering system in McKenzie County that delivers raw natural gas from various Bakken producers to Caliber's Hay Butte Plant for processing. This pipeline provides a connection from the Hay Butte Plant to the Northern Border Pipeline. Initial cost to build the pipeline was approximately \$5.6 million and modifications were estimated at less than \$100,000. (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:

- Wednesday, April 6, 2022 10 a.m. Central
- Teddy's Residential Suites 113 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. 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, railroads, auctioneers, commercial weighing devices, pipeline safety and coal mine reclamation. For more information, contact the Public Service Commission at (701) 328-2400 or <u>www.psc.nd.gov.</u>

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