

BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. 26122  
ORDER NO. 28535

IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING CALLED ON  
A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO  
CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF  
WINDRIDGE OPERATING LLC PURSUANT TO  
NDAC § 43-02-03-88.1 FOR AN ORDER  
AUTHORIZING THE DRILLING OF A  
SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL TO BE  
LOCATED IN LOT 2 OF SECTION 1, T.163N.,  
R.93W., SHORT CREEK FIELD, BURKE  
COUNTY, ND, IN THE DAKOTA GROUP  
PURSUANT TO NDAC CHAPTER 43-02-05 AND  
SUCH OTHER RELIEF AS IS APPROPRIATE.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

THE COMMISSION FINDS:

- (1) This cause came on for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on the 21st day of September, 2017.
- (2) Pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC) Section 43-02-03-88.1, the Director is authorized to sign, on behalf of the Commission, orders relating to, inter alia, underground injection under NDAC Chapter 43-02-05.
- (3) Windridge Operating, LLC (Windridge) proposes to dispose of saltwater produced with crude oil and other defined Class II wastes by injection into the Dakota Group through the Glaspey SWD #1 well to be located in Lot 2 of Section 1, Township 163 North, Range 93 West, Burke County, North Dakota, Short Creek Field. This is a well to be drilled.
- (4) Windridge submitted an Application for Injection and attachments pursuant to NDAC Section 43-02-03-88.1 and NDAC Section 43-02-05-04.
- (5) No one appeared in person to support or object to the application and no written comments or objections to the application were received prior to the hearing date.
- (6) The Dakota Group in this area contains in excess of 10,000 parts per million of total dissolved solids or is an exempted aquifer.
- (7) The proposed injection well is sited in such a fashion that it will inject into a formation which has confining zones that are free of known open faults or fractures within the area of review.

(8) The proposed injection well will be constructed in such a manner as to prevent the movement of fluids into or between underground sources of drinking water.

(9) In order to prevent possible damage to surface lands, and contamination of surface and subsurface waters, this application should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) Windridge Operating, LLC, its assigns and successors, is hereby permitted to dispose of Class II fluids, pursuant to NDAC Chapter 43-02-05, by injection into the Dakota Group through the Glaspey SWD #1 well, to be located in Lot 2 of Section 1, Township 163 North, Range 93 West, Burke County, North Dakota, Short Creek Field.

(2) The permission granted herein is conditioned on the operator receiving and complying with all provisions of the injection permit issued by the Oil and Gas Division of the Industrial Commission pursuant to NDAC Section 43-02-05-04 and with all other provisions of NDAC Chapter 43-02-05.

(3) This order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

Dated this 19th day of October, 2017.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION  
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

By the Director, on behalf of the Commission

/s/ Lynn D. Helms, Director