



INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA
NORTH DAKOTA PIPELINE AUTHORITY

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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) L.L.C. Docket No. OR08-6-000

Dear Ms. Bose:

Oil and gas exploration and production in North Dakota continues to grow. Recent figures from the Oil and Gas Division show our oil production now approaching 130,000 barrels per day. There are over 50 drilling rigs currently operating in the state. This development activity continues to create positive economic impacts in the state.

Enbridge North Dakota has completed their Phase 5 expansion. That work brings their crude oil capacity from western North Dakota to Clearbrook, Minnesota up to 110,000 barrels per day. As beneficial as this additional capacity is to North Dakota, it is still not enough to end our transportation bottlenecks. New crude oil production has grown significantly in the last few months and drilling efforts show no signs of slowing down. Enbridge and its customers have seen that even more capacity will be needed to support all this new production.

The State of North Dakota supports consideration of all options that could aid our producers in more readily getting their products to market. Therefore, the North Dakota Industrial Commission, acting through its Pipeline Authority, supports Enbridge's efforts to increase export capacity and respectfully requests the FERC act as expeditiously as possible in this matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark J. Makelky".

Mark J. Makelky, Director
North Dakota Pipeline Authority

C: Enbridge North Dakota, Brian Johnson

