

## INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA

## NORTH DAKOTA PIPELINE AUTHORITY

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October 23, 2008

Honorable Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A Washington, DC 20426

Re:

Revised Tariff Sheets, in Alliance Pipeline LP,

FERC Docket No. RP08-624-000

## Dear Chairman Kelliher:

I write to express the North Dakota Pipeline Authority's ("Authority") strong support for the September 15, 2008 tariff waiver provisions filed by Alliance Pipeline LP ("Alliance") in the above-captioned proceeding. The Authority, established by the North Dakota Legislature in 2007, was created to diversify and expand the State's economy by facilitating the development of pipeline infrastructure to support the production, transportation, and utilization of North Dakota energy-related commodities. An excellent example of the type of project the Authority encourages and supports is the proposed 75-mile Prairie Rose extension of Pecan Pipeline (North Dakota), Inc.'s ("Pecan North Dakota") existing gathering system. The Prairie Rose project is a major step in increasing take away capacity for natural gas and natural gas liquids production from the rapidly developing Bakken formation in western North Dakota. Since the tariff changes proposed by Alliance are an important and necessary element of the Prairie Rose project, the Pipeline Authority urges your approval of Alliance's proposal.

The Prairie Rose project and the enhanced market access the project will provide for North Dakota production are dependent upon gaining long-term access to transportation capacity on Alliance's interstate system. To accept the Prairie Rose project's "dense phase" deliveries, Alliance has agreed to modify its tariff to allow any shipper to request waiver of the hydrocarbon dew point specifications in the tariff. The tariff sheets filed by Alliance in the above-captioned proceeding propose to implement a "first-come, first-served" methodology for granting such waivers, to the extent system operations permit. The filing proposes to grant the first such waiver to Pecan North Dakota, the only shipper on the Alliance system to request such a waiver up to this point, to permit the firm transportation of 80,000 Mcf per day of dense phase Bakken formation gas.

The Pipeline Authority respectfully recommends your agency's expedited consideration in favor of Alliance's proposed tariff changes in order to support the Prairie Rose project and the interests of North Dakota.

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary October 23, 2008 Page 2

Very truly yours,

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