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NDPA Starts Hosting Monthly Webinars

The Pipeline Authority is excited to have started hosting monthly webinars on various topics of interest to area pipeline operators and producers. The first event was held on September 2, and was titled, "Williston Basin NGL Production and Transportation". Slides and video from the events are posted on our website. The October event, featuring the North Dakota Public Service Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, will cover pipeline and processing regulations in North Dakota.

TransCanada Holding Open Season for "Bakken Marketlink Project"

On September 13, 2010, TransCanada announced that it is launching an Open Season for Bakken producers interested in accessing TransCanada's proposed Keystone XL pipeline project in eastern Montana. The proposed 100,000 barrel per day (BOPD) interconnect would be located near Baker, MT and would require new pumps and tanks to accommodate the Bakken oil. Third party shippers would be necessary to move the crude to the Baker facility.

"Baker 300" Project Seeking Support

On August 23, 2010, Bridger, Belle Fourche, and Butte Pipelines launched a non-binding expression of interest period for a new expansion project called the "Baker 300". The proposed project would increase takeaway capacity at the Baker, MT hub from 118,000 BOPD to 300,000 BOPD by 2013. The project would require incremental expansions on the Butte Pipeline and an interconnect with the Keystone XL pipeline in Eastern Montana.

Enbridge Announces "Bakken Expansion Program"

In August 2010, Enbridge announced a 145,000 BOPD expansion project called the "Bakken Expansion Program." The first stage of the \$370 million program will come online during the first quarter of 2011 and increase crude oil flows out of North Dakota by an additional 25,000 BOPD. The second stage of the expansion will come online during the first quarter of 2013 and add an additional 120,000 BOPD or more to the Enbridge takeaway capacity. Enbridge has also proposed removing sour crude oil service from the North Dakota system, which could result in a 25,000-30,000 BOPD expansion before the end of 2010.

North Dakota
Production Numbers

	May-10	June-10	July-10
Average Daily Oil Production, BOPD	298,060	314,477	321,042
Average Daily Gas Production, MMCFD	301.207	303.244	320.371
Average Rig Count	115	125	135
New Gas Gathering Connections	52	44	54

As of September 22, 2010, there are 144 active rigs in North Dakota.

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New Ethane Pipeline Planned From Tioga to Alberta

On July 15, 2010, Mistral Energy announced a new 430 mile liquid ethane pipeline from Tioga, ND to Empress, AB. With an initial capacity of 40,000-65,000 BPD, the new "Vantage Pipeline" will be built to address the high concentration of ethane found in North Dakota's natural gas. Projected to be in service during the third quarter of 2013, the pipeline will be constructed of either 10 or 12 inch pipe. Currently, the majority of North Dakota's ethane is being left in the natural gas stream after it leaves the gas processing plant.

Quintana Holding BakkenLink Open Season

A binding open season for Quintana's BakkenLink Pipeline commenced on September 27, 2010. On the heels of TransCanada's Keystone XL open season announcement, the BakkenLink Pipeline will allow shippers to secure transportation to an interconnect with the Keystone XL Pipeline near Baker, MT. If sufficient support is secured, the BakkenLink system would be ready for service in early 2013.

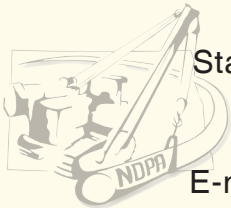
Hiland Gas Plant

Hiland Partners has begun constructing a new 50 million cubic feet per day gas processing plant four miles north and eight miles east of Cartwright, ND in McKenzie County. The new "Watford City Plant" is anticipated to begin operations in March 2011. The processing plant's fractionated natural gas liquids will be transported 10 miles by pipeline to a proposed Hiland rail facility west of Trenton, ND. The processed natural gas will be transported by a new 5 mile, 8-inch, pipeline to interconnections with Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline and Northern Border Pipeline.

ONEOK Outlines New NGL Pipeline

On July 26, 2010, ONEOK Partners announced plans to construct a new 12 inch natural gas liquids pipeline capable of moving 60,000-110,000 BPD from existing and planned facilities in the Williston Basin to an interconnect with the Overland Pass Pipeline near Cheyenne, WY. The new, 525-615 mile, "Bakken Pipeline" will be built to address the high volumes of natural gas liquids that are extracted from the rich Bakken gas during processing. The pipeline will operate as a Y-grade system, with product fractionation taking place in Bushton, KS. ONEOK is targeting the first half of 2013 for system startup.

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