



INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA
NORTH DAKOTA PIPELINE AUTHORITY

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Honorable Jon Wellinghoff, Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC - Stanley Tank Injection Project

Dear Chairman Wellinghoff:

The growth of North Dakota's Bakken oil production has exceeded expectations, increasing from 121,000 barrels of oil per day (BOPD) in May 2007 to 206,000 BOPD in May 2009. The North Dakota Pipeline Authority ("Authority") is encouraged that in spite of the volatile crude oil prices noted since last summer, oil production has remained high and shows signs of growing to new record levels as prices stabilize and robust drilling activity renews.

During this time of development, however, insufficient pipeline infrastructure has required excess oil to be exported by more expensive methods, resulting in discounts on the price of North Dakota oil. Ensuring North Dakota's petroleum resources have adequate and economic transportation options has been the objective of the Authority since its establishment in 2007.

More than half of the North Dakota's production growth has occurred in Mountrail and Burke Counties adjacent to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's ("Enbridge") Stanley Station. Stanley Station's current injection capacity is 15,000 BOPD and upon completion of Enbridge's Phase 6 Expansion in the first quarter of 2010, it will increase to 27,000 BOPD.

Complementing its Phase 6 Expansion, Enbridge has proposed a project that will greatly increase the injection capability at Stanley Station to 70,000 BOPD. The Stanley Tank Injection Project should relieve much of the immediate Mountrail and Burke County pressure on North Dakota infrastructure. The expanded injection capacity, if coupled with the proposed Portal Reversal Expansion Project, could provide long term solutions to many of the issues addressed by the Authority.

The State of North Dakota supports consideration of all options that could aid our producers in more readily moving their products to market. Therefore, the North Dakota Industrial Commission, acting through the Authority, supports Enbridge's efforts to increase export capacity by way of the Stanley Tank Injection Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin J. Kringstad".

Justin J. Kringstad, Director
North Dakota Pipeline Authority