

## INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA NORTH DAKOTA PIPELINE AUTHORITY

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

Re: Petition for Disclaimer of Jurisdiction, in <u>Pecan Pipeline (North Dakota)</u>, <u>Inc.</u>,

FERC Docket No. CP08-475-000

## Dear Chairman Kelliher:

I write to express the North Dakota Pipeline Authority's ("Authority") strong support for the September 18, 2008 petition for disclaimer of jurisdiction filed by Pecan Pipeline (North Dakota), Inc. ("Pecan North Dakota") 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 North Dakota's 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. The proposed project's interconnection with Alliance Pipeline, L.P.'s interstate pipeline system will provide 80,000 Mcf per day of Bakken formation natural gas and natural gas liquids production with direct access to downstream markets. The Pipeline Authority respectfully recommends your agency's expedited consideration in favor of Pecan North Dakota's petition in order to support the Prairie Rose project and the interests of North Dakota.

Very truly yours,

Justin J. Kringstad, Director North Dakota Pipeline Authority

cc:

Hon. Suedeen G. Kelly, Commissioner Hon. Philip D. Moeller, Commissioner Hon. Marc Spitzer, Commissioner Hon. Jon Wellinghof, Commissioner