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**PSC Public Hearing Scheduled for June 17 in Williston**  
***Proposal Would Convert Existing Oil Pipeline into a Transmission Line***

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 17, regarding a proposal to convert an existing crude oil gathering pipeline into a transmission line. The approximately 197-mile long, 8-inch existing pipeline spans three counties: Williams, McKenzie and Mountrail. Known as the Market Center Pipeline, it will have a maximum capacity of 65,000 barrels per day.

Hiland Crude has submitted an application to add storage tanks and pumping facilities to the existing line, which will then convert the gathering pipeline system into a transmission line. The pipeline will be used to transport crude oil from smaller gathering systems and truck facilities to existing rail and pipeline network destinations connecting to multiple shipping points for out-of-state sale.

Estimated cost of the project is \$55.3 million. (Note to the media: A map showing the pipeline location has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

**Details for the public hearing are as follows:**

- **When: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 – 10 a.m. CDT**
- **Where: Williston City Hall**  
**22 East Broadway, Williston, N.D.**

The hearings provide an opportunity for members of the public to contribute to the PSC's official record. Any comments from members of the public must be received at the hearing to be part of the record. People with concerns, questions or support for the project are encouraged to attend the hearing and present the information. Information received after the hearing will not be part of the official record and cannot be used as a basis for the Commission's decision unless certain additional procedures are followed.

The hearing schedule provides for the company to present its case and answer questions from the Commissioners first, after which the Commission will take comments from other parties and the public.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate certain business activities in the state including electric and gas utilities, telecommunications companies, power plants, electric transmission lines, pipelines, railroads, grain elevators, auctioneers, commercial weighing devices, pipeline safety and coal mine reclamation. For more information, contact the Public Service Commission at (701) 328-2400 or [www.psc.nd.gov](http://www.psc.nd.gov).

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