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PSC Schedules Public Hearing in Belfield for Proposed Crude Oil Pipeline Proposed 15-mile route located in Billings and Stark Counties

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Belfield on Thursday, July 9, regarding a proposal for a crude oil pipeline in Billings and Stark Counties.

Bridger Pipeline LLC has submitted an application to construct and operate a new 15-mile long, 16-inch diameter crude oil pipeline and associated facilities. The new pipeline would parallel an existing Bridger line and no new pumping facilities or surface facilities would be needed at this time other than pipeline markers, rectifiers, and block valves. The additional pipeline will increase the capacity of the system by 125,000 barrels per day. Estimated cost of the project is \$10.4 million.

The pipeline will interconnect with existing Bridger facilities at Skunk Hill Station and Fryburg Station with future delivery to Baker, Mont. (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: Thursday, July 9, 2015 9 a.m. MDT (10 a.m. CDT)
- Where: Belfield City Hall 107 2nd Ave. NE, Belfield, N.D.

The hearing provides 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 their 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 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.

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