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PSC Schedules Public Hearing in Tioga for Proposed Crude Oil Pipeline

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing in Tioga on Tuesday, July 26, regarding a proposal for a crude oil pipeline in Williams County.

Hess North Dakota Export Logistics, LLC, has submitted an application for a permit for the new Energy Transfer Partners (ETP) Pipeline project. The new 12-inch diameter crude oil pipeline would be approximately 1.1 miles in length. The purpose of the pipeline would be to transport crude oil from the Ramberg Truck Facility to the Energy Transfer Partners Facility. From there, the product can be transported via interconnecting pipelines for distribution to facilities across the U.S. The pipeline would have a maximum capacity of 70,000 barrels per day, with a normal throughput of 50,000 barrels per day. The estimated cost of the project is \$4.5 million.

The pipeline would originate at the existing Ramberg Truck Facility and extend southeast to end at the new Energy Transfer Partners Facility, which is located approximately seven miles south of Tioga. (Note to the media: A map showing the proposed location of the project has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- **When: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 – 11 a.m. Central**
- **Where: Neset Consulting Service
6844 Highway 40, Tioga, ND 58852**

This hearing will be conducted by a substantive Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). The ALJ will conduct the hearing and related proceedings and issue a recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law and a recommended order. The PSC Commissioners will review all the information in the record and make the final decision on the case at a later date.

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/opposition 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 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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