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Iowa Utilities Board  
1375 Court Avenue, Rm. 69  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069

**Re: Informational Notice  
In re Dakota Access, LLC, Docket No. HLP-2014-0001  
HLP Permit No. N0042**

Dear Board Members and Staff:

This letter is to provide information to the Iowa Utilities Board (“Board”) regarding certain improvements to be made to the Dakota Access Pipeline (“DAPL”) pump station located in Cambridge, Iowa (the “Cambridge Pump Station”). The improvements are being made in connection with capacity optimization efforts (the “Capacity Optimization”) intended to address growing demand for crude oil transportation services from shippers. The DAPL operates in Iowa under Hazardous Liquids Pipeline Permit No. N0042, issued by the Board on April 8, 2016 in Docket No. HLP-2014-0001.

None of the improvements that Dakota Access intends to make in Iowa as part of the Capacity Optimization require an amendment to the permit or constitute reportable changes for which a notice to the Board is required. Board Rule 13.18 sets forth the changes to a pipeline under permit that constitute a “reportable change” and require a notice to be provided to the Board. Rule 13.18 requires such a notice in the case of: abandonment or removal from service; relocation of the pipeline more than 300 feet from its original location or within 300 feet of an occupied residence; change in the product being transported; replacement of a pipeline or significant portion thereof; or extensions of a pipeline by 660 feet or less. While none of the improvements that Dakota Access intends to make to the Cambridge Pump Station constitute a reportable change under Rule 13.18, Dakota Access nonetheless provides this notice as a courtesy to the Board to provide it information regarding the work that will be performed at the Cambridge Pump Station.

In response to growing production in the Williston Basin and significant interest from shippers for increased capacity following a FERC Open Season conducted in 2018 (the “2018 Open Season”), Dakota Access intends to make certain improvements to the DAPL system by adding pumping capacity that will increase the DAPL’s current average capacity of approximately 570,000 barrels/day. New and existing shippers committed additional volumes as part of their participation in the 2018 Open Season, exceeding the current capacity of the system. The

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additional pumping capacity added as part of the Capacity Optimization will allow Dakota Access to meet the growing demand from shippers by optimizing and fully utilizing the existing pipeline infrastructure, without the need to install new pipelines, and without the need for shippers to use less safe and efficient means of transportation, such as rail.

In Iowa, the improvements associated with the Capacity Optimization are limited to improvements to be made at the Cambridge Pump Station. The improvements will not involve any extension or relocation of the pipeline, nor any work on the mainline pipeline itself. The three pumps currently located at the Cambridge Pump Station will be replaced with three higher flow rate capacity pumps. Subsequently, a fourth and fifth pump and motor will be added to the existing pump station, increasing the capacity of the existing pipeline incrementally. These improvements will not require any change to or additional acquisition of rights or interests in real property at the existing Cambridge pump station site.

The improvements will allow for current capacity to be increased without any increase in the maximum operating pressure of the DAPL. The Capacity Optimization improvements are consistent with, and will be conducted in compliance with, all applicable safety regulations of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”).

Please let us know should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019, he had the foregoing document electronically filed with the Iowa Utilities Board using the EFS system which will send notification of such filing (electronically) to the appropriate persons.

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