

AFFIDAVIT

State of South Dakota)

) ss.

County of Hughes)

I, Boice Hillmer, being of legal age, and first duly sworn upon oath, state as follows:

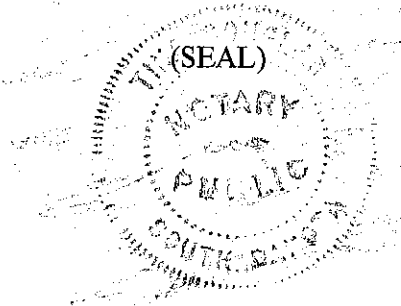
1. My business address is 500 E. Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota.
2. I am a pipeline safety inspector for the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission).
3. I have been employed in this capacity since 2013.
4. I am familiar with the duties of the Commission's pipeline safety program.
5. Currently, we do not inspect the farm taps on the Northern Natural Gas (Northern) pipeline.
6. Pipeline safety staff did inspect Northern's farm tap facilities in 2014.
7. Pipeline safety staff requested to Northern to inspect their farm tap facilities in 2016. Northern refused the request, stating that it is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. See Exhibit A.
8. I am aware that the Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA) is not inspecting Northern's farm taps.
9. I am familiar with Northern's annual report to PHMSA, attached hereto. In its annual report, Northern reports distribution lines in this state. See Exhibit B.

Dated this 12th day of December, 2016.

Boice Hillmer

Boice Hillmer

On this 12th day of December, 2016, came before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of South Dakota, Boice Hillmer, who is well known to me and who, having been first duly sworn, executed the foregoing Affidavit in my presence.



Tina Douglas

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

TINA DOUGLAS
My Commission Expires
April 14, 2017