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NORTH DAKOTA PIPELINE AUTHORITY SUPPORTS PROPOSED PIPELINE EXPANSION

BISMARCK – The State Industrial Commission today backed the proposed expansion of the Enbridge North Dakota Pipeline System.

“This expansion is the kind of projects that the new North Dakota Pipeline Authority can help bring quickly online,” said Gov. John Hoeven, commission chairman. “It represents a continuation of our efforts to supply more energy to the nation and build North Dakota’s economy.”

The pipeline project, announced earlier today by the system’s parent company, Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P., will expand the pipeline by 45,000 barrels per day by late 2009.

Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem emphasized, “The Industrial Commission urged the legislature to create a pipeline authority to address export constraints within the existing system. Today’s announcement reflects the first of many opportunities to make North Dakota a major player on the road to energy independence for our country.”

“The expansion will increase transportation from the Williston Basin to Minnesota, where crude oil shippers can tap into other pipeline systems to reach a variety of refinery markets in the middle U.S.,” said Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson. “The expansion is structured to meet the needs of North Dakota producers who want firm or committed capacity as well as those who need pipeline capacity on a month-to-month basis.”

“Developing the region’s transportation infrastructure is vital to achieving the full potential of North Dakota’s energy resources,” said Mark Makelky, the new director of the North Dakota Pipeline Authority.

The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, consisting of Governor John Hoeven, as chairman, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson, oversees the North Dakota Pipeline Authority. Funding for the Pipeline Authority comes from the Oil and Gas Research Fund.

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