

## RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION

## A Resolution Entitled, "Approval of Setback Variance for the Lang USA Pipeline as Requested by ONEOK Rockies Midstream, LLC"

- WHEREAS, The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (MHA Nation), also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes, having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, the authority under said Act, and having adopted a Constitution and Bylaws (the Constitution) under said Act, and
- **WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution, the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the MHA Nation; and
- WHEREAS, The Constitution authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the MHA Nation and of the enrolled members thereof; and
- WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(1) of the Constitution, the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt Resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Business Council, its agencies and officials; and
- WHEREAS, Article IX, Sections 1 and 3 of the Constitution, provides that the Tribal Business Council has the authority to manage and lease or otherwise deal with tribal lands and resources; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council passed Resolution No. 12-087-VJB, entitled, "The Missouri River, Badlands and Sacred Sites Protection Act" which requires a half mile setback for well sites/drilling pads from the Missouri River, Little Missouri River, and designated sacred sites or villages in the Badlands; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council passed Resolution No. 12-139-VJB, entitled, "Amending the Missouri River and Badlands Protection Act to Allow Variances upon Recommendation by the Tribal Energy Office," which authorizes the MHA Energy Division to consider setback variance requests and make recommendations to the Tribal Business Council to approve such requests "when minerals would be stranded due to the setback provisions or where the applicant has made a clear showing that granting the variance would not cause an adverse environmental effect upon the Missouri River or the Little Missouri River"; and
- WHEREAS, The Tribal Business Council passed Resolution No. 17-038-FWF, entitled "Amending the Missouri River, Badlands, and Sacred Sites Protection Act,



Concerning Variances," (Second Amendment) by amending the first Resolved paragraph, section 1 of Resolution 12-139-VJB, as follows:

The Tribal Business Council may, in its discretion, grant a variance from the half mile setback provision upon the recommendation of the Tribal Energy Office. The Tribal Energy Office may recommend a variance when minerals would be stranded due to the setback provisions or where the applicant has made a clear showing that granting the variance would not cause an adverse environmental effect upon the Missouri River of the Little Missouri River; and

WHEREAS, Applications for setback variances within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation are subject to other requirements of Tribal law, including Resolution No. 15-045-LKH (Establishing a Procedure for the Approval of Leases, Rights-of-Way, Setback Variances, and Permissions to Survey on Tribal Land), Resolution No. 17-117-FWF (Approval of Fee Structure), and Resolution No. 18-212-FWF (Amending Fee Structure); and

WHEREAS, On May 4, 2020, ONEOK Rockies Midstream, LLC ("ONEOK") submitted to the MHA Nation Energy Division a Setback Variance Request; as follows:

<u>Lang USA Pipeline</u>: For a pipeline and necessary and incidental facilities, equipment and appurtenances, including but not limited to valves and markers, for the transportation of oil, gas, petroleum products, water, brine, and/or any other liquids, gases, or substances which can be transported through pipelines, to connect the Jasper USA well site to existing pipeline infrastructure within one half (1/2) mile of Lake Sakakawea.

**LOCATION:** Private Fee Land, in the NE ¼ of Section 8, Township 151 North, Range 93 West, 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Dunn County, North Dakota.

**ACRES OF DISTURBANCE:** 0.63 Acres

**DRILLING/SPA.CING UNIT:** N/A

**DISTANCE FROM PIPELINE & PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE:** 2,192 ± feet (0.415 miles) to the 1854 High Water Line.

WHEREAS, On July 8, 2020, ONEOK met with the MHA Nation Energy Division to review and consider all other alternatives for the construction and siting of the Lang USA pipeline; and

WHEREAS, The MHA Nation Energy Division reviewed, processed and fully vetted ONEOK's request for a setback variance for the Lang USA pipeline and has determined that ONEOK has made a clear showing that granting the variance



would not cause an adverse environmental effect upon the Missouri River or the Little Missouri River; and

WHEREAS Pursuant to fees established and set forth in Resolution No. 18-212-FWF, this setback variance application is subject to a \$3,000 processing fee, in addition to the one-time application fee; and

WHEREAS, On July 23, 2020 at a duly held meeting of the Energy Committee, the MHA Nation Energy Division recommended for approval ONEOK's setback variance request for Lang USA pipeline and the Energy Committee approved ONEOK's setback variance request for the Lang USA pipeline.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** The Tribal Business Council hereby approves the setback variance, attached as Exhibit A, submitted by ONEOK for the Lang USA pipeline, as follows:

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** Pursuant to Resolution No. 18-212-FWF, approval of the setback variance request described herein is subject to a processing fee in the amount of \$3,000, which ONEOK must pay within fifteen (15) days from the passage of this Resolution.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** That the Chairman is hereby to take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution.



## **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 2 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman [ X ] voting. [ ] not voting.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

**ATTEST:** 

Tribal Secretary, Fred W Fox

Tribal Business Council

Tribal Chairman, Mark N. Fox

Tribal Business Council