



July 16, 2019

Public Works Department

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RE: City of Minot Request to Abandon the Sundre Pipeline Easements

Dear Arden,

As you are well aware, the City of Minot has been working to resolve the right-of-way issue with the Sundre Pipeline. Particularly, the lack of easement for a segment of the pipeline that was relocated back in 1977. The city has been diligently negotiating with landowners over the past few years but have been unsuccessful in reaching an agreement.

The Minot City Council met on July 15, 2019 to discuss the abandonment of the Sundre Pipeline. The motion was made to abandon the pipeline. The pipeline lies between the forebay regulating tank located southeast of the city of Minot, North Dakota, and the pipeline's junction with the Minot Pipeline, located at the east end of the city.

Back in about 2016, when the city began designing segments of flood control, it was discovered that the Sundre Pipeline in its current position transects the future flood control alignments multiple times. Early estimates showed relocation costs would exceed \$20 million to reroute the Sundre Pipeline through the different segments of flood control. In light of this information, the city began working on plans to relocate the transmission of water from the Sundre Well Field around the south end of Minot. That project began construction in 2017 and was completed in September of 2018. Water is no longer conveyed to the Minot Water Treatment Plant via the Sundre Pipeline.

The City of Minot respectfully requests that all easements currently in place for the Sundre Pipeline be abandoned. As stated above, the Sundre Well Field has been disconnected from the Sundre Pipeline and is being conveyed to the treatment facility via a rerouted line. There are no plans to reconnect in the future, so the existing Sundre Pipeline is no longer necessary and is currently abandoned.

Thank you for considering this request and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 701-857-4140.

Sincerely,

Shaun Sipma
City of Minot Mayor

Cc: Maria Jensen

