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**PERMIT APPROVAL BY THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MOVES THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE PROJECT ANOTHER STEP CLOSER TO BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION**

*Permits now Approved for North Dakota, South Dakota and Illinois  
Voluntary Agreements signed on more than 85 Percent of the Properties along the Route*

**DALLAS, January 25, 2016** – The Dakota Access Pipeline Project continues to finalize its construction plans and secure the necessary land easements in preparation to begin construction of the 1,168-mile crude oil pipeline. The permit approved last week by the North Dakota Public Service Commission brings the total to three of the four states crossed by the pipeline authorizing it to move forward. The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and the Illinois Commerce Commission have also approved Dakota Access' permit applications. The Iowa Utilities Board continues to review Dakota Access' application having announced a working session scheduled for early February. Construction of the pipeline is projected to begin in 2016 upon approval of all required applications and permits.

Dakota Access has signed voluntary easement agreements with landowners representing more than 85 percent of the properties along the four-state route. Currently, 89 percent of the properties in North Dakota, 92 percent in South Dakota, 78 percent in Iowa and 87 percent in Illinois have been signed. Project representatives will continue easement negotiations with landowners during the coming months.

The Dakota Access Pipeline is a \$3.78 billion infrastructure project that will transport approximately 450,000 barrels per day, with a capacity as high as 570,000 barrels per day, of domestically produced light sweet crude oil from the Bakken and Three Forks production areas in North Dakota to Patoka, Illinois, where shippers will be able to access multiple markets including Midwest, East Coast and Gulf Coast regions.

During construction, Dakota Access will pay substantial state sales taxes to North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Illinois. Dakota Access also will pay significant property taxes to the four states once the pipeline is in service. Additionally, Dakota Access will employ up to 4,000 construction workers per state to build the 1,168 miles of 30-inch pipeline. One hundred percent of these workers will be union contractors with up to 50 percent sourced from local union halls. Dakota Access is projected to be in service by late 2016.

Dakota Access has opened offices in Bismarck, ND, Sioux Falls, SD, Urbandale, IA, and Springfield, IL, to manage the ongoing operations and maintenance of the pipeline. For more information visit [Dakotaaccesspipelinefacts.com](http://Dakotaaccesspipelinefacts.com) or call toll-free 844-708-2639.

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