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Dr. Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
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**Re: Letter of Support – Sandpiper Pipeline Project
Minnesota PUC Docket PL668/CN-13-473 and PL668/PPL-13-474**

Dr. Harr,

Tidal Energy is a crude oil marketing company with a significant presence in North Dakota. The focus of our business is to provide marketing and transportation logistics services to facilitate the movement of crude oil from producers to refiners.

The growing production in the Bakken region will necessitate the need to transport significant additional volumes of crude oil. In our view, the safest and most reliable mode of transporting crude oil is by pipeline and therefore we strongly support North Dakota Pipeline's Sandpiper Project as it will provide the much needed incremental take-away capacity out of the Bakken.

Regards,

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