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Mr. Tom Hurshman
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RE: Comments Supporting the Overland Pass Pipeline Project

Dear Mr. Hurshman:

The Wyoming Pipeline Authority (WPA) is writing in support of the Overland Pass Pipeline Company LLC's natural gas liquids (NGL) pipeline from southwestern Wyoming to central Kansas as proposed by the Williams Companies Inc. The WPA is supportive of a balanced approach during development of the project so that all stakeholders' rights are preserved.

Significant drilling for natural gas has occurred in numerous areas of Wyoming. Increased production is providing additional supplies of clean energy for use by residents and businesses throughout the country. Energy development in Wyoming as well as other areas of the country is helping our economy by expanding domestic energy sources instead of importing additional energy supplies.

To accommodate the increased wellhead supplies of natural gas, expansion of the infrastructure is required to get this energy to the marketplace. One component of this expanding energy supply chain is the recovery of Natural Gas Liquids (NGLs) and the transportation of NGL's to market. Production of NGLs is increasing in the Rocky Mountain region but the existing pipeline that serves the region is near capacity. The proposed Overland Pass Pipeline Project (OPP) will resolve some of the constraints anticipated in the region as natural gas supplies grow. To avoid having natural gas production shut-in and in order to keep up with growing production and distribution capacity issues, the OPP needs to be completed by the end of 2007.

Ancillary benefits to local communities will result during the immediate construction efforts and longer term operations and maintenance of the pipeline. Hundreds of jobs will go to individuals living in the states through which the pipeline passes. The compounded effect of the increased taxes and wages and wages spent on goods and services such as food, lodging and other personal needs will benefit local communities.

Over 90% of the Overland Pass Pipeline will pass through existing right of way or utility corridors. This will help protect and preserve environmental, archaeological and cultural resources that are important to this region of the country. Individual property owners in this

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corridor can be assured that their rights will be respected, their land taken care of and that they will be paid a fair price for the right to place this pipeline on their property.

Wyoming is dependent upon mineral extraction to preserve its revenue base. Construction of the Overland Pass project will enable the State to continue to promote responsible development of resources within its borders.

Sincerely,

Bryan Hassler
Executive Director
Wyoming Pipeline Authority

cc: Evan Hanson
Williams Companies Inc.