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Michael Brennan  
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Subject: Issuance of a Name Change Presidential Permit to Operate and Maintain Existing Pipeline Facilities on the Border of the United States and Canada;  
Docket No. DOS-2014-000

Dear Mr. Brennan:

I am writing in support of the national interest determination for the name change permit requested by Plains Pipeline, L.P. to operate and maintain the Poplar Pipeline that crosses the U.S./Canadian border. As outlined in Plains Pipeline's application, Plains Pipeline intends to continue to operate the existing line at the border in conformance with the existing permit conditions and is not requesting authorization for new construction or a change in operations. This permit application changes the name of the operating entity for the pipeline from affiliated business units to Plains Pipeline.

Furthermore, the work described in Plains' permit application enhances the safety of the pipeline at the crossing because Plains has repaired and replaced portions of the pipe segment leading to the border. It also allows for the continued operation of the pipeline to move crude oil across the border into more extensive pipeline systems in Canada which will continue to provide a viable outlet for transportation of Bakken crude oil. Infrastructure options for the transport of crude oil, such as this pipeline, add to a robust and reliable North American pipeline infrastructure, thus benefiting energy consumers.

I urge the Department of State, on behalf of API's more than 580 corporate members who are involved in all aspects of the oil and natural gas industry, to find this name change permit in the Nation's interest.

Sincerely,

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