

## “Enbridge’s Williston Basin Pipeline Solutions: Continuous Change...Continuous Growth”

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*In 2005, the Williston Basin started to see significant changes in oil production. This in turn challenged the crude-oil shipping and producing business community and governments to seek answers from Enbridge (Saskatchewan), the pipeline gathering system hub in the region.*

*Enbridge (Saskatchewan) responded with expansions to their operations that addressed the following key requirements to transport crude oil and natural gas liquids: Safety and Environmental Responsibility, Meeting of Short- and Long-Term Forecasted Capacity Demands, Time Sensitivity, Cost Consciousness (Minimal Toll Impact as possible), Flexibility and Coordination.*

*In 2006, Enbridge (Saskatchewan) received support from shippers and producers to perform its first phase of expansions to meet these needs. This involved expanding various portions of the Westspur trunkline to increase transporting capacity. In the second quarter of 2008, this was completed with the successful commercial operation of the Alida to Cromer Capacity Expansion “ACCE” Project.*

*Further challenges have been impressed on the shipper and producer community to have Enbridge (Saskatchewan) come up with more answers to changing needs related to production increases and the Bakken play.*

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