

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. P-186
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ORDER GRANTING PERMIT

(Issued February 10, 2006)

On January 3, 2005, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed a petition with the Utilities Board (Board) for renewal of Pipeline Permit No. R-919 in the above-referenced docket pursuant to Iowa Code § 479.23. MidAmerican filed revisions to the petition and exhibits and provided additional information on June 6, 2005. MidAmerican requests renewal of a pipeline permit for approximately 20.26 miles of 8-inch diameter pipeline for the transportation of natural gas in Mahaska, Keokuk, and Wapello counties. The pipeline was constructed in 1954 and originally served customers in the Ottumwa area. The pipeline also supplies gas to customers in Fremont and Hedrick, Iowa.

MidAmerican filed a proof of publication on July 18, 2005. On July 21, 2005, Mr. Jeffrey L. O'Neal, utility regulatory engineer for the Board, filed a staff report regarding the petition. In the report, Mr. O'Neal stated that the pipeline complied with all design, construction, testing, operating, and maintenance requirements of the Board. Mr. O'Neal further stated that no special safety or engineering requirements were recommended for the permit and no objections had been filed.

Iowa Code § 479.23 (2005) provides that any pipeline company currently owning or operating a natural gas pipeline in Iowa may petition the Board for the extension of a permit by filing a petition stating the name of the applicant, principal office and place of business, legal and general description of the route, map, and maximum and normal operating pressure. Section 479.23 further requires the applicant establish that its financial condition is satisfactory pursuant to Iowa Code § 479.26 (2005).

Board rule 199 IAC 10.8 provides that if a review of the petition finds unresolved issues of fact or law, or if an objection is filed within 20 days of the second publication of the published notice, the matter will be set for hearing. Rule 10.8 further provides that if a hearing is not required, a renewal permit will be issued upon the filing of the proof of publication required by rule 10.4.

Based upon the information in the petition and Mr. O'Neal's report, the Board finds that MidAmerican has satisfactorily demonstrated that it has complied with Iowa Code § 479.23 (2005). The record shows there is no unresolved issue of fact or law and no objections have been filed. Therefore, MidAmerican's petition requesting renewal of pipeline permit should be granted and a permit issued concurrently with this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The petition for renewal of Pipeline Permit No. R-919 filed by MidAmerican Energy Company on January 3, 2005, as amended on June 6, 2005, is granted. The permit will be issued concurrently with this order.

2. The Board retains jurisdiction of the subject matter of this docket pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 479 (2005) and may at any time during the period of the permit make such further orders as may be necessary.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 10th day of February, 2006.

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PIPELINE PERMIT

(Issued February 10, 2006)

Permit No. R1219 Lateral Ottumwa

Permission is granted to MidAmerican Energy Company, Des Moines, Iowa, to construct, operate, and maintain a pipeline in Mahaska, Keokuk, and Wapello counties, Iowa, for the transportation of natural gas at a maximum operating pressure of 540 psig for approximately 20.26 miles over the route attached to and incorporated by reference in this permit.

Permit No. R1219 is granted subject to the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 479 (2005), 199 IAC chapters 9 and 10, and the February 10, 2006, "Order Granting Permit" issued in this docket.

Permit No. R1219 shall be effective until February 10, 2031, unless revoked, terminated, or amended by the Utilities Board.

UTILITIES BOARD

 /s/ John R. Norris
Chairman

ATTEST:

 /s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 10th day of February, 2006.