

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	DOCKET NO. P-866
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ORDER ASSIGNING TO PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued August 7, 2006)

On July 3, 2006, Corning Municipal Utilities (Corning) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition for a pipeline permit to allow Corning to construct, maintain, and operate a natural gas pipeline in Adams County, Iowa. The proposed pipeline consists of 13.7 miles of 6⁵/₈-inch outside diameter steel pipeline and will provide natural gas service to the distribution system in Corning, Iowa, and to a new ethanol plant under construction southwest of Corning.

Board staff reviewed the petition and notified Corning of deficiencies in the petition and requested additional information in a letter dated July 12, 2006. On July 21, 2006, Corning filed revisions to the petition and provided additional information. On July 25, 2006, Board staff filed a report addressing the petition and proposed route. In the report, Board staff requests that Corning address in prefiled testimony whether its existing transmission pipeline has the capability to deliver the amount of gas needed by the new ethanol plant and its plans for its existing pipeline after the proposed pipeline is placed in service.

Iowa Code § 479.7 (2005) requires the Board to set a hearing in a pipeline proceeding upon the filing of a petition. The Board finds that the petition, as revised, sufficiently meets the Board's filing requirements and the Board will assign Docket No. P-866 to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and conduct a hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. P-866 is assigned to Amy Christensen as the presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and exercise the authority provided in 199 IAC 7.3.

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 7th day of August, 2006.