

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE: CITY OF SIOUX CENTER | DOCKET NO. P-869 |
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ORDER ASSIGNING DOCKET TO PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued April 4, 2007)

On September 28, 2006, the City of Sioux Center (Sioux Center) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition for a pipeline permit to allow Sioux Center to construct, maintain, and operate a gas pipeline in Sioux County, Iowa. The proposed natural gas pipeline consists of approximately 2.4 miles of 6-inch diameter steel pipe and will parallel an existing 3-inch main serving Sioux Center. The pipeline is being constructed for facility expansion at the SELC Ethanol Plant and anticipated 20-year projected load growth of Sioux Center. Sioux Center subsequently amended its petition to also include the 3-inch pipeline it would acquire.

Board staff reviewed the petition and notified Sioux Center of deficiencies in the petition and requested additional information by letters dated January 23, 2007, February 7, 2007, and February 21, 2007. On January 30, 2007, February 14, 2007, February 27, 2007, and March 7, 2007, Sioux Center filed revisions to the petition and provided additional information. On March 8, 2007, Board staff filed a route inspection report and a report concerning the petition.

Iowa Code § 479.7 (2007) 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. The Board will assign the petition in Docket No. P-869 to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and conduct a hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. P-869 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/ Curtis W. Stamp

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 4th day of April, 2007.