

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: PLYMOUTH ENERGY, LLC	DOCKET NO. P-868
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ORDER ASSIGNING DOCKET TO PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued May 22, 2007)

On March 26, 2007, Plymouth Energy, LLC (Plymouth), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition for a pipeline permit to allow Plymouth to construct, maintain, and operate a gas pipeline in Plymouth County, Iowa. The proposed natural gas pipeline consists of approximately 7.5 miles of 6⁵/₈-inch diameter steel pipe. The pipeline is being constructed to deliver natural gas from a proposed Northern Natural Gas Company delivery and metering station approximately 6 miles east of Merrill, Iowa, to the Plymouth ethanol plant, located approximately one mile north of Merrill.

Board staff reviewed the petition and notified Plymouth of deficiencies in the petition and requested additional information by a letter dated March 30, 2007. On April 25, 2007, Plymouth filed a revision to the petition and provided additional information. On May 9, 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 docket the petition as Docket No. P-868 and assign the matter to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and conduct a hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. P-868 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

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 22nd day of May, 2007.