

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: ABSOLUTE ENERGY, LLC	DOCKET NO. P-871
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ORDER ASSIGNING DOCKET TO PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued July 31, 2007)

On May 21, 2007, Absolute Energy, LLC (Absolute), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition for a pipeline permit to allow Absolute to construct, maintain, and operate a gas pipeline in Mitchell County, Iowa. The proposed natural gas pipeline consists of approximately 2.6 miles of 6-inch diameter steel pipe and is designed to transport natural gas from a proposed Alliance Pipeline delivery and metering station east of Mona, Iowa, to the Absolute Energy ethanol plant northwest of Mona.

Board staff reviewed the petition and notified Absolute of deficiencies in the petition and requested additional information by letters dated June 14, June 18, June 27, and July 9, 2007. On June 26, July 5, and July 18, 2007, Absolute filed revisions to the petition and provided additional information. On July 13, 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, substantially meets the filing requirements for the Board to proceed to a hearing of

this matter. The Board will assign the petition in Docket No. P-871 to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and conduct a hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. P-871 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/ Margaret Munson
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 31st day of July, 2007.