

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. P-875
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ORDER ASSIGNING DOCKET TO PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued April 25, 2008)

On February 14, 2008, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition for a pipeline permit to allow MidAmerican to construct, maintain, and operate a gas pipeline in Ida County, Iowa. The proposed natural gas pipeline consists of approximately 14.19 miles of 6-inch diameter steel pipe and is designed to connect to a proposed Platinum Ethanol, LLC (Platinum Ethanol), pipeline near Galva, Iowa. The pipeline would transport natural gas to the Platinum Ethanol plant near Arthur, Iowa.

Board staff reviewed the petition and by letters dated March 18 and April 10, 2008, notified MidAmerican of deficiencies in the petition and requested additional information. On April 9 and April 16, 2008, MidAmerican filed revisions to the petition exhibits and provided additional information. On April 11, 2008, Board staff conducted a route inspection, and on April 17, 2008, filed a report concerning the route inspection and petition. In the report, Board staff notes that the informational meeting notice contained the incorrect operating pressure.

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-875 to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and conduct a hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. P-875 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/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 25th day of April, 2008.