

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  LOUIS DREYFUS COMMODITIES GRAND JUNCTION, LLC	DOCKET NO. P-878
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**ORDER ASSIGNING DOCKET TO PRESIDING OFFICER**

(Issued August 12, 2008)

On June 23, 2008, Louis Dreyfus Commodities Grand Junction, LLC (Louis Dreyfus), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition for a pipeline permit to allow Louis Dreyfus to construct, maintain, and operate a natural gas pipeline in Greene County, Iowa. The proposed pipeline consists of approximately 8.5 miles of 6 and 5/8-inch diameter steel pipe and is designed to transport natural gas from a connection with a Northern Natural Gas Company pipeline southeast of Grand Junction, Iowa, to a proposed Louis Dreyfus ethanol plant north of Grand Junction.

Board staff reviewed the petition and by a letter dated July 3, 2008, notified Louis Dreyfus of deficiencies in the petition and requested additional information. On July 17, 2008, Louis Dreyfus filed revisions to the petition exhibits and provided additional information. On July 18, 2008, Board staff filed a report concerning the route inspection and petition. In the report, Board staff requests that Louis Dreyfus respond to certain questions or provide additional information on several issues in prefiled testimony.

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-878 to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and conduct a hearing that addresses the issues raised in Board staff's July 18, 2008, report, as well as other statutory and factual issues.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

Docket No. P-878 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**

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/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.