

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. P-13
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ORDER GRANTING PERMIT

(Issued November 7, 2008)

On July 2, 2007, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed a petition with the Utilities Board (Board) for renewal of natural gas pipeline Permit No. R-963 in the above-referenced docket pursuant to Iowa Code § 479.23 (2007).

MidAmerican filed revisions to the petition and exhibits and provided additional information on December 31, 2007, March 31, 2008, April 14, 2008, and June 11, 2008. MidAmerican requests renewal of a pipeline permit for approximately 7.05 miles of pipeline, of which 4.30 miles is 6-inch diameter pipe and 2.75 miles is 4-inch diameter pipe for the transportation of natural gas in Warren County. The 6-inch and 4-inch diameter pipeline was constructed in 1956. The pipelines have a maximum allowable operating pressure of 428 psig.

MidAmerican filed a proof of publication on August 20, 2008. On October 20, 2008, Jeffrey L. O'Neal, a member of the Board's Safety and Engineering Section, filed a report regarding the petition. In the report, Mr. O'Neal stated that the pipeline complied with all design, construction, testing, operating and maintenance requirements of the Board. Mr. O'Neal further stated that no special

safety or engineering requirements were recommended for the permit and no objections had been filed.

Iowa Code § 479.23 (2007) provides that any pipeline company currently owning or operating a natural gas pipeline in Iowa may petition the Board for the extension of a permit by filing a petition stating the name of the applicant, principal office and place of business, legal and general description of the route, map, and maximum and normal operating pressure. Section 479.23 further requires the applicant establish that its financial condition is satisfactory pursuant to Iowa Code § 479.26 (2007).

Board rule 199 IAC 10.8 provides that if a review of the petition finds unresolved issues of fact or law, or if an objection is filed within 20 days of the second publication of the published notice, the matter will be set for hearing. Rule 10.8 further provides that if a hearing is not required, a renewal permit will be issued upon the filing of the proof of publication required by rule 10.4.

Based upon the information in the petition and Mr. O'Neal's report, the Board finds that MidAmerican has satisfactorily demonstrated that it has complied with Iowa Code § 479.23 (2007). The record shows there is no unresolved issue of fact or law and no objections have been filed. Therefore, MidAmerican's petition requesting renewal of pipeline permit should be granted and a permit issued concurrently with this order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The petition for renewal of Pipeline Permit No. R-963 filed by MidAmerican Energy Company on July 2, 2007, as amended on December 31, 2007, March 31, 2008, April 14, 2008, and June 11, 2008, is granted. The permit will be issued concurrently with this order.

2. The Board retains jurisdiction of the subject matter of this docket pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 479 (2007) and may at any time during the period of the permit make such further orders as may be necessary.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 7th day of November, 2008.