

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. P-14
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ORDER GRANTING PERMIT

(Issued November 12, 2008)

On April 4, 2008, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed a petition with the Utilities Board (Board) for renewal of natural gas pipeline Permit No. R-970 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 April 17, 2008, and June 9, 2008. MidAmerican requests renewal of a pipeline permit for approximately 16.24 miles of pipeline, of which 1.67 miles is 6-inch diameter pipe, 8.93 miles is 4-inch diameter pipe, and 5.64 miles is 3-inch diameter pipe for the transportation of natural gas in Madison County. The original 3-inch diameter pipeline was constructed in 1931. The 6-inch diameter pipeline was constructed in 1955 and the 4-inch diameter loop in 1956. Portions of the pipeline were replaced in 1989, 1990, 1995, 1996, and 2000. The pipeline has a maximum allowable operating pressure of 200 psig.

MidAmerican filed a proof of publication on September 19, 2008. On October 21, 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-970 filed by MidAmerican Energy Company on April 14, 2008, as amended on April 17, 2008, and June 9, 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 12th day of November, 2008.