

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

**IN RE: DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC – Proposed Hazardous Liquid Pipeline
Docket No. HLP-2014-0001**

PUBLIC INFORMATION SHEET

DELIBERATION MEETINGS:

The Board has scheduled public meetings on February 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2016, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. to deliberate on the issues in the proposed Dakota Access pipeline case. The meetings will be video streamed and available on the Board's video portal at: <https://iowautilitiesboard.eduvision.tv/LiveSched.aspx>.

DELIBERATION MEETING CONDUCT:

1. These meetings are for Board deliberations only. The public is welcome to attend and observe the deliberations. As the time for public comment on the proposed pipeline has passed there will not be any opportunity for the public to address the Board during the deliberations.
2. Persons attending the deliberation meetings will be required to behave in a respectful manner and are free to come and go as they wish, providing the meeting is not disturbed.
3. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must be turned off or set to silent notification. Persons answering phone calls must do so outside of the hearing room.
4. Food is not permitted in the hearing room. Drinks are allowed in covered containers.
5. No signs or placards will be permitted in the hearing room during the deliberation meetings. The audience is expected to remain quiet and refrain from interrupting the proceedings and persons may be removed from the property if failing to do so.

THE PROPOSED PIPELINE AND PROCEEDINGS

On January 20, 2015, Dakota Access, LLC (Dakota Access), filed a petition with the Iowa Utilities Board (Utilities Board) requesting a permit to construct, maintain, and operate approximately 346 miles of 30-inch diameter crude oil pipeline across 18 counties in Iowa. The hearing on this petition was held in Boone, Iowa because Iowa Code § 479B.6 requires the hearing to be held in the county seat of the county located at the midpoint of the proposed pipeline route when the proposed line is over 5 miles in length.

Dakota Access states the pipeline is being proposed to transport crude oil from the Bakken oil fields in North Dakota to Patoka, Illinois, where it can be transported to refineries using other pipelines.

If granted, the permit would give Dakota Access the right to construct, maintain, and operate the pipeline. According to Iowa law, the Utilities Board is the state agency with the authority to grant or deny the petition. Dakota Access may not build its proposed pipeline unless the Utilities Board grants its request for a permit.

The Utilities Board has the authority to grant or deny permits that allow a pipeline company to construct, maintain, and operate pipelines in Iowa (Iowa Code § 479B.3). The Utilities Board may grant permits in whole or in part upon such terms, conditions, and restrictions as to location and route as the Board determines to be just and proper. Dakota Access must present evidence that demonstrates that the proposed pipeline will promote the public convenience and necessity (Iowa Code § 479B.9).

THE DELIBERATION MEETINGS

The Board and its staff have reviewed the evidence (testimony and exhibits) that has been received in this case. This includes the evidence provided by Dakota Access and the evidence provided by the other parties. In these deliberation meetings, the Board will consider the evidence based on Iowa statutes, Utilities Board rules, and previous court cases.

As a part of these meetings, the Board may make a tentative decision and direct its staff to prepare an appropriate written order. The Board's decision, whatever it may be, will not be final until that written order is issued and filed in the Board's Electronic Filing System at <https://efs.iowa.gov/efs/>.

The written decision will be served on each of the parties. This will be done by e-mail if the parties provided their e-mail addresses to the Board. The e-mail message will come from the Board's Electronic Filing System and will contain the above docket number in the subject line of the e-mail. The decision will also be posted on the Utilities Board's Web site at <https://iub.iowa.gov/>.

Pipeline permit cases are governed by Iowa Code Chapter 479B and Utilities Board rules at 199 IAC Chapters 13. There are additional procedural laws that govern this contested case at Iowa Code Chapter 17A and additional procedural rules at 199 IAC Chapters 1, 7, and 14. There are links to the Iowa Code and the Board's rules on the Board's Web site.