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Iowa Utilities Board to reconvene March 9 on Dakota Access pipeline deliberations

Board directs staff to draft an order to present for Board consideration

(Des Moines) – On February 19, 2016, the Iowa Utilities Board approved a motion to recess its deliberation meeting into closed session on the proposed Dakota Access pipeline case, Docket No. HLP-2014-0001, and instructed staff to draft an order for the Board’s review and consideration when the Board reconvenes into open session on March 9, 2016. The Board has reserved March 9 and 10 for additional pipeline deliberation meetings.

When the Board comes back into open session on March 9, the Board will review the draft order and discuss any changes necessary to address in order to reach a decision on March 9 or 10. No additional evidence will be taken and no witnesses will be called. In addition, there will be no opportunity for the parties or the general public to address the Board and no signs or placards will be permitted in the hearing room.

If a decision is reached by the Board, the decision will not be final until a written order is issued and filed in the Board’s Electronic Filing System at <https://efs.iowa.gov/efs/>.

The meetings will be conducted in the Board’s Hearing Room and there is limited seating therefore, the Board has set aside reserved seats for the parties in the hearing room for the afternoon of deliberations. Any remaining seats will be open to the general public.

Additional seating is being provided in Conference Rooms 1 and 2 at the Board’s offices in Des Moines for the public and other representatives of the parties. The deliberations will be video streamed into the conference room and also be available on the Board’s website at: <https://iowautilitiesboard.eduvision.tv/LiveSched.aspx>. Media space will be available in the Hearing and conference rooms.

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