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Iowa Utilities Board finds pipeline insurance policies filed by Dakota Access meet compliance requirements

(Des Moines) – The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) issued an [order](#) today determining that insurance policies filed by Dakota Access, LLC, to cover damage related to potential pipeline incidents in Iowa are in substantial compliance with IUB requirements.

The IUB issued a hazardous liquid pipeline permit to Dakota Access in 2016 and required the company to annually file insurance policies showing at least \$25 million in general liability coverage while the pipeline is operational. The company indicated in an updated filing in August 2018 that it had aggregate coverage of \$50.1 million for the entire length of the pipeline.

In September the IUB asked for clarification of the insurance policies to ensure that that coverage provided would meet IUB requirements and would provide appropriate coverage to Iowans. Two groups, Northwest Iowa Landowners Association (NILA) and Sierra Club, filed comments with the IUB indicating they did not believe the aggregate-coverage policies met the IUB's intent of providing \$25 million of Iowa-only coverage.

Dakota Access maintained that a potential Iowa-only policy would only cover incidents occurring in the state, whereas the existing aggregate-coverage policy also would apply to incidents arising in other states that may still impact Iowans or Iowa property.

“Based upon a review of the current policies and the additional information provided by Dakota Access, it appears that the current policies provide better coverage for Iowans than the potential Iowa-only policies,” the IUB order states, adding that the “benefits outweigh the risk that an incident in another state would exhaust the coverage limits prior to a separate incident impacting Iowa in the same coverage term.”

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