

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Plains Pipeline, L.P.
Buford Expansion/McKenzie - Williams Cty
Siting Application

Case No. PU-05-185

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

October 5, 2005

On July 26, 2005 Plains Pipeline, L.P. (Plains) filed a consolidated application for certificate of corridor compatibility, application for route permit, and request for waiver of procedures and time schedules. Plains proposes to construct 4.62 miles of 10-inch pipeline adjacent to its existing pipeline southeast of the city of Buford, North Dakota.

Plains requests that the Commission (1) waive the provisions of Chapter 49-22 of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 69-06 of the North Dakota Administrative Code which require separate filings of corridor and route applications, separate hearings on such applications, and certain time schedules on such applications; (2) not hold a public hearing on its waiver request, but publish a notice of opportunity for hearing; and (3) designate the corridor and route as requested.

The Commission finds the application is complete.

One **consolidated public hearing** on this matter for Williams and McKenzie County landowners will be held **November 3, 2005 beginning at 1 p.m. CST (12 noon MST) at Williston City Hall, City Commission Meeting Room, 22 East Broadway, Williston, ND.** Under N.D.C.C. § 49-22-13(1), McKenzie County landowners may petition within ten days of publication of this notice for a separate hearing in McKenzie County. Issues to be considered in this matter include:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed pipeline facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed pipeline facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed pipeline facilities locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?
4. Are the proposed pipeline facilities of such length, design, location, or purpose that they will produce minimal adverse

effects so that procedures and time schedules may be waived?

5. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive any procedures and time schedules as requested in the application?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, Executive Secretary, at least 24 hours in advance.

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