

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Belle Fourche Pipeline Company
8-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline/McKenzie County
Siting Application

Case No. PU-07-596

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

September 25, 2007

On September 18, 2007, Belle Fourche Pipeline Company (Belle Fourche) filed an application for a waiver of procedures and time schedules, and consolidated applications for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit authorizing construction of approximately 32 miles of 8-inch liquid petroleum pipeline and associated facilities extending from the Bowline Field to an interconnect with Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC near Alexander, all in McKenzie County of North Dakota. The proposed corridor and route are shown on the attached map.

Belle Fourche requests the Commission waive the procedures set forth in North Dakota Century Code Sections 49-22-08 and 49-22-08.1 to allow for a single consolidated application for Corridor Certificate and Route Permit. Belle Fourche further requests that the Commission reduce the minimum width of the corridor from 3.2 miles, under North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-06-04-02, to 1 mile.

The Commission finds the application is complete.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed pipeline produce minimal adverse effects on the environment, natural resources, and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Is the proposed pipeline compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed pipeline corridor and route 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. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive the procedures as requested in the application including the request for a single consolidated application for Corridor Certificate and Route Permit?

A **public hearing** on this application is scheduled to begin **Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at 10 a.m. CDT (9 a.m. MDT) at the McKenzie County Courthouse, 201 5th Street NW, Watford City, ND.**

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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