

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
INFORMAL HEARING
May 23, 2008

**Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC
Pump Station Upgrades
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-07-791

On February 20, 2008 Enbridge filed an application to amend existing corridor or route permits for the upgrade of the existing Trenton Station and Beaver Lodge Station in Williams County, Stanley Station and Blaisdell Station in Mountrail County, Minot Station in Ward County, Denbigh Station in McHenry County, Pleasant Lake Station in Benson County, Penn Station and Bartlett Station in Ramsey County, and Larimore Station in Grand Forks County. On March 26, 2008 the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Notice of Informal Hearing. On May 6, 2008 John Sandberg, a resident of Penn, North Dakota requested a Hearing concerning the Penn Station and upgrades. On May 21, 2008 the Commission issued a Notice of Hearing scheduling a public hearing to begin Friday, June 20, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at the Ramsey County Courthouse, Devils Lake, North Dakota concerning the Penn Station.

With the exception of a small parcel of land at Beaver Lodge Station to be acquired by Enbridge, all construction will take place on land already owned by Enbridge within the existing station boundaries.

The Trenton, Beaver Lodge, and Stanley Stations were the subject of siting proceeding Case No. PU-06-317 for upgrade in 2007.

The Blaisdell, Denbigh, Penn, and Larimore Stations were the subject of a siting proceeding Case No. PU-06-349 and were constructed new in 2007.

The Minot, Pleasant Lake, and Bartlett Stations were constructed in the early 60s prior to the Siting Act. New cultural resource investigations were conducted for these stations.

A new cultural resource investigation was conducted for the Beaver Lodge Station since some of the upgrade work will be on approximately 4.2 acres of new land acquired by Enbridge.

New cultural studies concluded that no historic properties would be affected and the State Historical Society concurred. Two wetlands were identified at the Pleasant Lake Station, however, these wetlands will not be disturbed by project activities. ND Game and Fish found that the project would not result in significant adverse impacts on wildlife or wildlife habitat, including endangered species. No exclusion or avoidance areas were identified at the project areas with the exception of 2 residences and 4 businesses within 500 feet of the Penn Station.

In advance of Commission action on the application, a representative of Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC will be providing a affidavit confirming the company will adhere to North Dakota siting laws, rules, and certain other conditions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: With the exception of the Penn Station, grant Enbridge's request for corridor and route permits.

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