

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Hiland Operating, LLC  
6-Inch Natural Gas Liquids Pipeline  
Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-10-554**

**NOTICE OF FILINGS, NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING,  
AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING  
May 16, 2012**

The North Dakota Public Service Commission's (Commission) November 2, 2011 Order issued to Hiland Operating, LLC (Hiland) a Certificate designating a corridor and a Permit designating a route for the construction of a 14.1 mile, 6-inch pipeline and associated facilities in McKenzie County, North Dakota, for the transmission of natural gas liquids.

On April 17, 2012, Hiland filed a request for a route deviation in Sections 31 and 32, Township 151N, Range 103W in McKenzie County. On May 4, 2012, Hiland filed a supplement to its application, requesting an amended corridor, amended route, and an application for waiver or reduction of procedures and time schedules. The corridor and route changes are requested to reduce the overall length of the pipeline by approximately 1.5 miles, reduce project costs, reduce potential environmental impacts, reduce potential impacts to cultural sites. The corridor and route changes are shown on the attached map.

In its application for waivers of procedures and time schedules, Hiland requests that the Commission waive the following:

- Procedures that require separate filings of applications for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit,
- Procedures that require separate notices of such applications,
- Procedures that require separate hearings on such applications,
- Procedures that require a public hearing on an application for a certificate of corridor compatibility,
- Procedures that require a public hearing on an application for a route permit.

The issues to be considered in Hiland's application for waiver of procedures and time schedules are:

1. Are the proposed facilities of such length, design, location, or purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects and that adherence to applicable procedures and time schedules may be waived?
2. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive any procedures and time schedules as requested in the application?

The issues to be considered in Hiland's applications for amended certificate of corridor compatibility and amended route permit are:

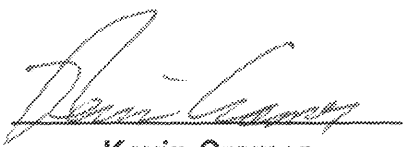
1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facility 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?

Those interested are invited to comment on the applications in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearing must be received by June 15, 2012.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

An **Informal Hearing** of this matter is scheduled to begin on **June 20, 2012**, at **1:30 p.m. CDT** in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th floor of the State Capitol. At the informal hearing, the Commission will discuss this matter with the parties and interested members of the public.

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 the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

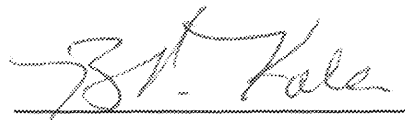
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