

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Plains Pipeline, L.P.
Crude Oil Pipeline – Williams County
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-10-630

**NOTICE OF FILINGS AND NOTICE OF HEARING
September 7, 2011**

On August 12, 2011, Plains Pipeline, L.P. (Plains) filed an application for a certificate of corridor compatibility and an application for a route permit to authorize the construction and operation of approximately 31.8 miles of 12-inch crude oil pipeline from its existing Trenton Station to the North Dakota / Montana boundary, in Williams County, North Dakota. The pipeline would continue to the Wascana Pipeline located near Outlook, Montana. The total length of the propose pipeline is 79 miles. The project is shown on the attached map.

Plains also filed an application for waivers of procedures and time schedules including:

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

The Commission finds the applications are complete.

A Public Hearing on the applications is scheduled to begin **November 1, 2011 at 10 a.m. CDT at City Hall, 22 E Broadway, Williston, North Dakota, 58801.**

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

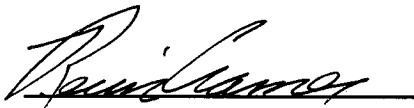
1. Are the proposed facilities of such length, design, location, or purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects and that adherence to applicable procedures and time schedules may be waived?
2. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive any procedures and time schedules as requested in the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

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

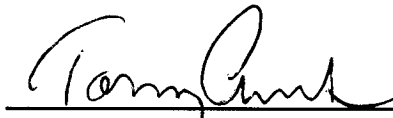
1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will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

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.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



**Kevin Cramer
Commissioner**



**Tony Clark
Chairman**



**Brian P. Kalk
Commissioner**

