



## NOTICE OF EXTENDED COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: February 15, 2017

**In the Matter of** the Application of Great Plains Natural Gas Company for a Pipeline Routing Permit for the Fergus Falls Pipeline Replacement Project

**PUC Docket Number:** G-004/GP-16-685

The comment period in this case has been extended at the request of the Department of Commerce under Minnesota Rules Chapter 7829.

The new deadline for filing *initial* comments is **February 24, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.**

The new deadline for filing *reply* comments is **March 3, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.**

Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered. Please include the docket number (16-685) in all communications.

### Topics for Comment:

- Will the project have a significant impact on humans or the environment?
- What are possible methods to minimize, mitigate, or avoid potential impacts of the proposed project?
- Should the Commission grant or deny the partial exemption requested by Great Plains?
- Should any specific permit conditions be placed on this project?

**Project Background:** Great Plains Natural Gas Company's proposed Fergus Falls Pipeline Replacement Project is described as an approximately 3-mile long, 8.625-inch outside diameter, high pressure natural gas pipeline. The pipeline would replace and reroute a 2.2 –mile segment of the existing pipeline that connects the Fergus Falls Town Border Station and the Green Plains Ethanol Valve Site. The operating pressure of the proposed pipeline would range from 500 to 720 (maximum) pounds per square inch gauge. A route width ranging from 150 to 500 feet is being requested for the project. The project is located in Fergus Falls Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota.

**Comments may be submitted via:**

U.S. Mail: Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101  
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