

The Commission met on **Tuesday, September 30, 2014**, with Chair Heydinger and Commissioners Boyd, Lange, Lipschultz, and Wergin present.

The following matter was taken up by the Commission:

ENERGY FACILITIES AGENDA

PL-5/CN-14-320

In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Pipe Line Company, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the Minnesota Pipe Line Reliability Project to Increase Pumping Capacity on Line 4 Crude Oil Pipeline in Hubbard, Wadena, Morrison, Meeker, McLeod and Scott Counties Minnesota

Commissioner Lipschultz moved that the Commission:

1. Accept the application as substantially complete as amended on August 29, 2014.
2. Refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case hearing.
3. Include in its Order:
 - a. the name and telephone number of the Commission employee designated to facilitate citizen participation in the process;
 - b. a request that the Department of Commerce and Commission staff continue to study the issues and indicate during the hearing process its position on the reasonableness of granting a certificate of need to the Company;
 - c. a requirement that the applicant facilitates in every reasonable way the continued examination of the issues by the Department of Commerce;
 - d. a directive that Commission staff formally contact relevant state agencies to request their participation in the development of the record and public hearings under Minn. Stat. § 216E.03, subd. 3, and request that state agencies submit comments prior to the last day of the public hearing;
 - e. a directive that the Commission staff work with the Administrative Law Judge in selecting suitable locations for hearings on the application; and
 - f. a directive that the applicants provide notice of the hearings in newspapers of general circulation at least ten days prior to the start of the hearings, that the applicant consult with Commission staff on the timing, text, and distribution of such ads prior to publication, and e-file confirmation of their publication.
4. Request that the Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis staff analyze the effects of the applicant's proposed facility and alternatives presented in their certificate of need application upon the natural and socioeconomic environment and submit a report of its analysis into the record prior to the contested case hearing.

The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: February 4, 2015

Daniel P. Wolf

Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary