



NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Issued: May 31, 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 in Otter Tail County, Minnesota

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Minnesota Department of Commerce will hold a supplemental public information meeting on the natural gas pipeline route permit partial exemption application by Great Plains Natural Gas Company for its proposed natural gas pipeline replacement project in Fergus Falls Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota.

Date: June 14, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Bigwood Event Center – Whitford Room
925 Western Avenue
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

To find out if a meeting has been cancelled due to bad weather call 1-855-731-6208 or visit mn.gov/puc.

Project Description

On May 23, 2017, Great Plains filed a revised route permit application identifying certain changes to its originally proposed project. Therefore, to ensure a thorough record in this proceeding, the Commission will hold a supplemental public information meeting to provide information and solicit comments on the changes to the proposed project. The modified project as described in the revised application is summarized below (See attached map also).

Great Plains' proposed Fergus Falls Pipeline Replacement Project is described as an approximately 3.1-mile long, 8.625-inch outside diameter, high pressure (500 to 720 pounds per square inch gauge) natural gas pipeline. The newly proposed pipeline will replace and reroute a 2.2-mile segment of an existing 6-inch diameter natural gas pipeline that connects the Fergus Falls Town Border Station and the Green Plains Ethanol Valve Site. The new pipeline would be constructed along a portion of the existing pipeline right-of-way and along a new route varying in width from 100 to 500 feet that would extend approximately three-quarters of a mile north of the existing 6-inch diameter pipeline.

The new pipeline will require a 50-foot permanent right-of-way. As indicated by Great Plains in its revised application, the proposed modified route of the new pipeline was selected because: 1) commercial development has encroached on the existing 6-inch pipeline making construction of a new pipeline in the existing right-of-way infeasible, and 2) a landowner along the originally proposed route requested that the pipeline not be placed on their property. In accordance with 49 CFR 192.5, the existing 6-inch pipeline would be reclassified and de-rated from transmission to distribution pipeline to allow continued service to customers along its length. The proposed project is located in Fergus Falls Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota.

Written Comment Period

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes June 28, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.
Reply comment period closes July 5, 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: Please focus your comments on information that will help answer the following questions:

- 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?

Comments may be submitted via:

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

eFiling: Visit mn.gov/puc, select *eFiling* and follow the prompts.

Online: Visit mn.gov/puc, select *Speak Up!*, find this docket, and add your comments to the discussion.

Important: Comments will be made available to the public via the Commission's and the Department of Commerce's websites, except in limited circumstances, consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions.

Additional Information

Full Case Record: The **pipeline route permit application** and other documents filed in this matter are available at: mn.gov/puc, select *eDockets*, enter the year (16) and the docket number (685), select *Search*.

Department of Commerce Website:

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34588>

Subscribe to the Docket: To receive email notification when new documents are filed in this matter visit: mn.gov/puc, select *Subscribe*, and follow the prompts.

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate in meetings and comment periods. Contact docketing.puc@state.mn.us or 651-201-2204 with the docket number (16-685), your name, mailing address, and email address.

Community Locations: A copy of the partial exemption application is available for public inspection at the following location: Fergus Falls Public Library, 205 East Hampden Avenue, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Minnesota Statutes and Rules: This project is reviewed under Minnesota Statutes chapter 216G and Minnesota Rules chapter 7852, available at www.revisor.mn.gov.

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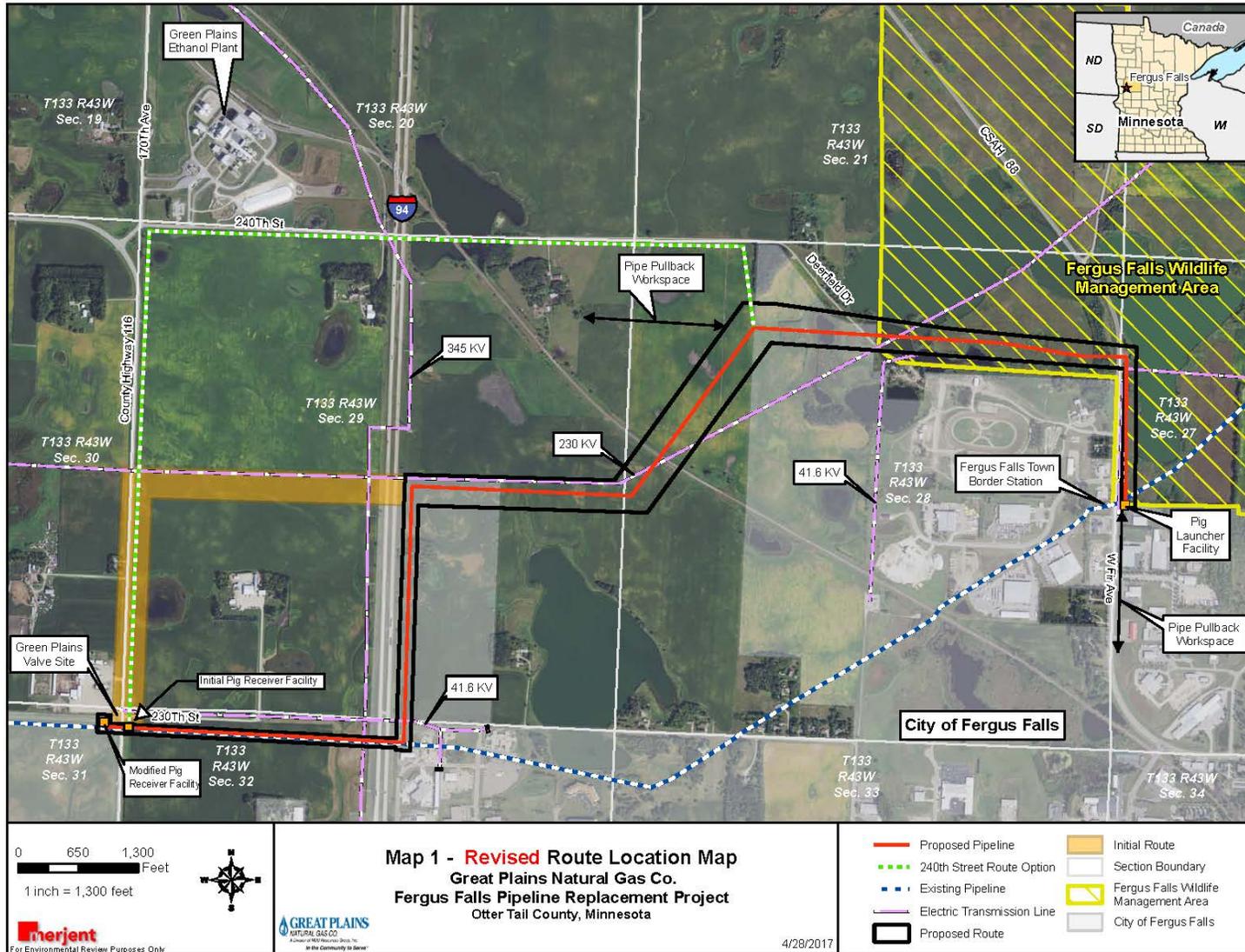
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Route Location Map



Source: Great Plains Natural Gas Company, Revised Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for a Gas Pipeline Route Permit (May 23, 2017).