

June 6, 2014

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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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RE: **Response Letter of the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources**  
Docket No. PL-5/CN-14-320

Dear Dr. Haar:

On April 17, 2014, Minnesota Pipeline Company, LLC (MPL or the Company) filed a proposed Certificate of Need Notice Plan (Notice Plan) for the Minnesota Pipe Line Reliability Project in the above-referenced docket. The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (Department) filed its Comments on the Notice Plan on May 6, 2014. In those Comments, the Department recommended that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) accept MPL's Notice Plan pending a satisfactory response from the Company addressing the following requested clarifications, corrections, and additions:

- Describe how it will identify the names and addresses of the landowners and residents it is required to provide with direct mail notice under Minnesota Rules 7829.2560, subp. 3.A and B;
- Confirm that it will provide notice to all landowners and residents that own or live on land abutting the land on which pumping stations will be constructed or upgraded;
- Clarify, and if necessary, correct, the discrepancies in Notice Plan Exhibit E and the Supplement identified on pages 2-4 of the Department's May 6, 2014 Comments;
- Clarify how the map required by Minnesota Rules 7829.2560, subp. 4 will be included in the notice letters sent to landowners, residents, and government officials; and
- Submit revised notice letters to landowners, abutting residents, and local and state government officials (Exhibits B, C, and D) in which the additional information requested by the Department regarding the pumping station sites and their locations is presented in the tabular form described on page 5 of the Department's May 6, 2014 Comments.

MPL filed its Reply Comments on May 27, 2014. In its Reply Comments, the Company provided revisions, corrections and additional, clarifying information regarding the issues the Department identified in its Comments, as discussed in detail below.

- *describe how it will identify the names and addresses of the landowners and residents it is required to provide with direct mail notice under Minnesota Rules 7829.2560, subp. 3.A and B;*

MPL stated on page 2 of its Reply Comments that it has compiled the names and addresses it needs under Minnesota Rules by reviewing local tax records for the counties Line 4 traverses.

- *Confirm that it will provide notice to all landowners and residents that own or live on land abutting the land on which pumping stations will be constructed or upgraded;*

MPL provided the requested confirmation on page 2 of its Reply Comments.

- *Clarify, and if necessary, correct, the discrepancies in Notice Plan Exhibit E and the Supplement identified on pages 2-4 of the Department's May 6, 2014 Comments;*

MPL provided a revised Exhibit E, which contains a corrected list of government officials to receive notice. MPL also provided Exhibit E-1, which lists the additions, deletions, and corrections that the Company made to their original Exhibit E. Exhibit E-1 also lists the method of verification (via website or direct contact) the Company employed for each governmental body. The Company either corrected or confirmed that their original information was correct for each possible error listed in the Department's May 6, 2014 Comments. The Department has reviewed revised Exhibit E and Exhibit E-1 and is satisfied that the contact information provided is accurate.

- *Clarify how the map required by Minnesota Rules 7829.2560, subp. 4 will be included in the notice letters sent to landowners, residents, and government officials; and*

MPL provides the requested confirmation on page 3 of its Reply Comments.

- *Submit revised notice letters to landowners, abutting residents, and local and state government officials (Exhibits B, C, and D) in which the additional information requested by the Department regarding the pumping station sites and their locations is presented in the tabular form described on page 5 of the Department's May 6, 2014 Comments.*

MPL satisfied this recommendation by doing the following:

1. Updated notice letters (Exhibits B, C, and D) to include the informational table suggested in the Department's May 6, 2014 Comments;
2. Provided new maps of each pumping station location in Exhibits A-1 through A-8; and
3. Provided Revised Exhibit A, in which the locations of individual pump stations are added to the project overview map.

The Department's review of the additions, clarifications, and corrections that the Company provided in its Reply Comments indicates that the Company has satisfied all of the conditions the Department placed on its initial recommendation of acceptance. The Department appreciates MPL's responsiveness in this matter and recommends that the Commission accept MPL's revised Notice Plan.

The Department is available to answer any questions that the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

/s/ LAURA B. OTIS  
Rates Analyst

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Linda Chavez, hereby certify that I have this day served copies of the following document on the attached list of persons by electronic filing, e-mail, or by depositing a true and correct copy thereof properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE –RESPONSE TO REPLY  
COMMENTS**

Docket Nos. **PL5/CN-14-320**

Dated this **6th** day of **June, 2014**.

/s/Linda Chavez

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