

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: January 6, 2021

### In the Matter of the Application of Petroleum Fuels Company for a Gas Pipeline Routing Permit for the Pine Bend Pipeline Project in Dakota County

**PUC Docket Number(s):** IP-7042/PPL-20-872

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes January 18, 2021 at 4:30pm  
Reply comment period closes January 25, 2021 at 4:30pm

*Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.*

#### **Topic(s) Open for Comment:**

- Does the application contain the information required under Minnesota Rules parts 7852.2100 to 7852.3100?
- Should the Commission accept the application to begin the review process?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

#### **Background:**

On December 30, 2020, Petroleum Fuels Company (PFC) filed an application for a route permit and partial exemption from certain pipeline routing permit procedures with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The Project as proposed will include construction of a new four-inch steel pipeline approximately 5600 feet in length in Inver Grove Heights, MN. The proposed pipeline will transport gas from a Renewable Natural Gas Processing Facility to be constructed to process the landfill gas extracted from the Republic Services Pine Bend Landfill to a delivery point into the Northern States Power Company (NSPM) d/b/a Xcel Energy high-pressure gas system. The pipeline will operate at a pressure of 670 psig.

The partial exemption review process is applicable to pipeline projects that are not anticipated to have significant environmental impacts. The partial exemption process is outlined in Minn. Rule 7852.0600 and applications are reviewed under the evaluation criteria outlined in Minn. Rule 7852.0700. The partial exemption review process is anticipated to be completed in 90 days.

Commission and Department of Commerce staff will hold a public meeting and solicit

comments on the proposed pipeline project and whether to grant the partial exemption and a route permit.

If the Commission determines that the project *will* have significant environmental impacts, the Commission may deny the request for a partial exemption, and the applicant may then request that their project be considered under the full review process.

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**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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Dated this **6th** day of **January, 2021**

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