



Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary

STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

*Issued: January 26, 2015*

**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 the Line 4 Crude Oil Pipeline in Hubbard, Wadena, Morrison, Meeker, McLeod and Scott Counties**

**Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Number:** PL-5/CN-14-320

**Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number:** 68-2500-31889

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday, February 24, 2015	11:00 AM	Kitchigami Regional Library 201 West 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue East Park Rapids MN 56470
Tuesday, February 24, 2015	6:00 PM	Motley-Staples Middle School - Cafeteria 132 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue South Motley MN 56466
Wednesday, February 25, 2015	11:00 AM	Meeker County Courthouse - Community Room 325 North Sibley Avenue Litchfield MN 55355
Wednesday, February 25, 2015	6:00 PM	New Prague Middle School - Cafeteria 721 Central Avenue North New Prague MN 56071

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**Project Description**

Minnesota Pipe Line Company, LLC (MPL) proposes to:

- Increase the capacity of its Line 4 pipeline from 165,000 barrels per day (bpd) to 350,000 bpd
- Build new pump stations near Lake George, Litchfield, Motley, New Prague, Plato, and Sebeka
- Modify its pump stations at Albany and Clearbrook

Line 4 was designed, installed, and pressure tested to allow for increased capacity.

MPL does not need any additional right-of-way for the proposed project. All construction will take place on MPL property

## Public Hearing Information

- Public hearings start on time
- Arrive a few minutes early so you have time to sign in, pick up materials, and find a seat.
- Administrative Law Judge Jeanne M. Cochran will preside over the public hearings.
- Public Utilities Commission, Department of Commerce, and Minnesota Pipe Line Company, LLC staff will be available to answer questions about the permitting process and the project.
- Citizens will be able to add oral comments, written comments, or both into the record.
- Learn more about participating at a public hearing at [mn.gov/puc/aboutus/index.html](http://mn.gov/puc/aboutus/index.html)

## Submit Comments

### Topics for Public Comment

- Is the proposed project needed and in the public interest?
- What are the costs and benefits of the proposed project?
- What are the environmental and human impacts of the proposed project and how can these impacts be addressed?
- Are there other project-related issues or concerns?

**Comment Period** January 26, 2015 through March 20, 2015 at 4:30pm.

*Comments must be received by 4:30pm on the close date*

*Comments received after comment period closes may not be accepted*

**Online** Visit [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select *Comment on an Issue*, find this docket (14-320), and add your comments to the discussion.

**By US Mail** Persons without Internet access may send comments by U.S. Mail to Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55101.

Please include the Commission's docket number in all communications.

**Important** - Comments will be made available to the public via the Public Utilities Commission's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The Commission does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions.

## Process Information

Before the project can be built, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) must approve a certificate of need. Minnesota Pipe Line Company, LLC submitted the certificate of need application in July 2014. The Commission's decision-making process takes about twelve months.

The Department of Commerce is preparing an environmental analysis for this project. The environmental analysis will be a broad review of the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives, as well as ways to address impacts. The environmental analysis will be issued in February 2015.

Judge Cochran will use all the information in the record, including written comments and comments received at the public hearings, to write a report for the Commission. The report will include findings, conclusions, and recommendations about this project. After receiving the Judge's report, the Commission will schedule a meeting to make a final decision on this project, expected by August 2015.

## How to Learn More

### Department of Commerce Project Website:

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34034>

**Project Mailing List:** Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate (meetings, comment periods, etc.). Contact [docketing.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:docketing.puc@state.mn.us) or 651-201-2234 with the docket number (14-320), your name, mailing address and email address.

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7. Select *Save*

**Full Case Record:** All documents filed in this docket are available at [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select *Search eDockets*, enter the year (14) and the docket number (320), select *Search*.

**Public Libraries:** The certificate of need application and environmental analysis will be available in early February 2015 at the following public libraries:

- Arlington Public Library, 321 Main St W, Arlington
- Bagley Public Library, 213 Main Ave N, Bagley
- Belle Plaine Public Library, 125 Main St W, Belle Plaine

- Dakota County Library, 508 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Farmington
- Dassel Public Library, 460 3<sup>rd</sup> St N, Dassel
- Eden Valley Area Library, 306 State St N, Eden Valley
- Elko-New Market Public Library, 110 J Roberts Way, Elko New Market
- Glencoe Public Library, 1107 11<sup>th</sup> St E, Suite 207, Glencoe
- Great River Regional Library, 400 Railroad Ave, Albany
- Great River Regional Library, 175 4<sup>th</sup> St SW, Cokato
- Great River Regional Library, 122 6<sup>th</sup> St NE, Staples
- Great River Regional Library, 213 De Graff Ave, Swanville
- Great River Regional Library, 117 Main St N, Upsala
- Hutchinson City Library, 50 Hassan St SE, Hutchinson
- New Prague Public Library, 400 Main St E, New Prague
- Norwood Young America Library, 314 Elm St W, Norwood Young America
- Park Rapids Area Public Library, 210 1<sup>st</sup> St W, Park Rapids
- Robert Trail Library, 14395 Robert Tr S, Rosemount
- Wadena City Library, 304 1<sup>st</sup> St SW, Wadena

**Minnesota Statutes and Rules:** The certificate of need application is being reviewed under Minnesota Statute 216B and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7853. Minnesota Statutes and Rules are available at [www.revisor.mn.gov](http://www.revisor.mn.gov).

## Project Contacts

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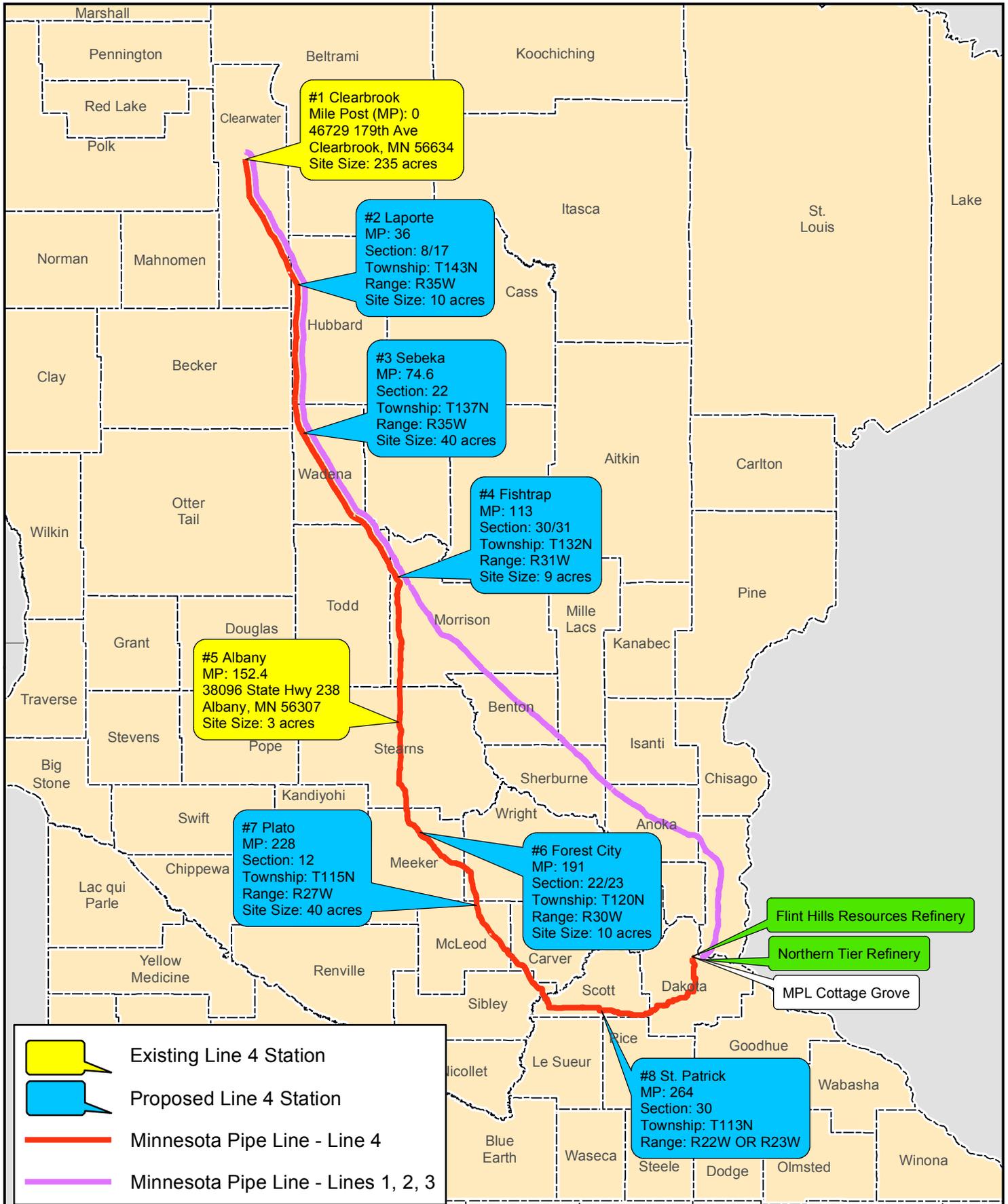
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