

May 20, 2003

Mr. Phillip R. McLean
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4211 South 143rd Circle
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RE: EQB Information Book for Public Utilities Commission of New Ulm Proposed
4.56 Mile Natural Gas Pipeline Project in Brown County (EQB Docket No. 03-
63-PIB-NEW ULM)

Dear Mr. McLean:

Environmental Quality Board staff has prepared the enclosed "Information Book" required by Minnesota Statutes, section 116I.03 for the above referenced project.

The PUCNU and the Brown County Board must schedule and hold a public meeting to provide information to the public concerning the pipeline proposed for construction, the proposed route, types of commodities to be carried, construction and operating characteristics, and the legal requirements which must be met in acquiring easements and in constructing and operating the pipeline. See Minnesota Statutes, section 116I.04.

Notice and agenda of the public meeting must be given by the Brown County Board at least 10 days before the meeting. Notice must be published in a legal newspaper of the county and a newspaper of general circulation in the area. This could be the same paper. Section 116I.04 also requires written notice to the clerk of each township and incorporated municipality in the county, not just the townships or municipalities affected by the project.

In addition to these notice requirements, a copy of the Information Book and a notice of the public meeting must be provided to the landowner or lessees of property along the proposed pipeline route. EQB staff is requesting the PUCNU to provide us with an affidavit of publication on the public meeting and affidavit of service for distribution of the Information Book.

The Information Book will also be available on the EQB Website at:
www.eqb.state.mn.us/EnergyFacilities

If you or any representatives of the PUCNU or Brown County Board have any questions, please contact me by e-mail at: larry.hartman@state.mn.us or by telephone at: 651-296-5089. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Larry B. Hartman
EQB Staff