



DATE: May 18, 2004

TO: Local Officials, Adjacent Property Owners, and Other Interested Parties

RE: Notice that Mankato Energy Center, LLC has submitted an Application for Pipeline Routing Permit and for Partial Exemption from Pipeline Route Selection Procedures to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) (EQB Docket No. 04-77-PRP CALPINE)

Project Description

Mankato Energy Center, LLC ("Mankato Energy"), a wholly subsidiary of Calpine Corporation proposes to construct a natural gas pipeline from an interconnection with an existing Northern Natural Gas Company (NNG) pipeline located in the south $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27 to the proposed Mankato Energy Center, a combined cycle natural gas power plant in Lime Township (Docket No. 04-76-PPS CALPINE). The pipeline will be located entirely in Blue Earth County in south central Minnesota.

The Pipeline will traverse from the NNG interconnection point West along the Southern boundary of Sections 27 and 28. At a point in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, the Pipeline will proceed South into the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33. The Pipeline will continue West along the Northern boundary of Sections 33 and 32. At a point in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32 the Pipeline will proceed in a generally diagonal fashion Southwesterly into Section 31 terminating at the power plant, which is located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31. The pipeline will be approximately 4.0 miles long.

The Pipeline will be welded steel, fusion bonded epoxy-coated pipe with a nominal outside diameter of 20 inches. The proposed Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure ("MAOP") for the Pipeline is 936 pounds per square inch gauge ("psig").

A map of the proposed natural gas route is included herein.

Public Meetings

The EQB will conduct a public information meeting in Mankato at the following date, time, and place:

Tuesday, June 15, 2004
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Minnesota River Room
1st Floor of the Intergovernmental Center
10 Civic Center Plaza
Mankato, Minnesota

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The purpose of the EQB meeting is to provide information to the public about the proposed project, review the permitting process, and answer questions.

Available Information

Copies of the gas pipeline permit application are available online at the EQB website at www.eqb.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=5793.

The EQB Chair has designated staff members George Johnson as project manager and Larry Hartman as public advisor in this matter. For more information about the gas pipeline permit application or to have your name included on the EQB project contact list, you may contact George Johnson (Tel: 651-296-2888 or email: george.johnson@state.mn.us) or Larry Hartman (Tel: 651-296-5089 or email: larry.hartman@state.mn.us), Environmental Quality Board, 300 Centennial Bldg., 658 Cedar Street. St. Paul, MN 55155.

Additional information on the EQB's permitting process, announcements, and meeting notices are posted on the EQB website at www.eqb.state.mn.us.

Public Comment Procedure

A person may file comments with the EQB within 30 days after given notice stating reasons why the EQB should grant or deny partial exemption.