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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON COMPLETENESS OF  
CERTIFICATE OF NEED PERMIT APPLICATION**

*Issued: July 31, 2014*

**In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Pipeline Company, LLC for a Certificate of  
Need for the Minnesota Pipeline Reliability Project**

**PUC Docket Number:** PL-5/CN-14-320

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes on August 19, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.  
Reply comment period closes on August 29, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.

**Topics Open for Comment:**

- Does the application contain the information required by Minnesota Rules parts 7853.0220 to 7853.0270 and 7853.0500 to 7853.0640?
- Are there any contested issues of fact with respect to the representations made in the application?

**Project Description:** On July 25, 2014, Minnesota Pipe Line Company, LLC (MPL) filed a certificate of need permit application under the Minnesota Statutes 216B.2421, 216B.243 and Minnesota Rules 7853 to increase the pumping capacity of the 305-mile MPL Line 4 from its current throughput capability of approximately 165,000 bpd to its design capacity of approximately 350,000 bpd.

MPL Line 4, along with MPL's other pipelines (Lines 1-3), is currently the only pipeline system supplying crude oil to the two refineries in Minnesota: Flint Hills Resources in Rosemount, MN and Northern Tier Energy in St. Paul Park, MN.

The Project would upgrade two existing pump stations on Line 4 (in Albany and Clearbrook, Minnesota) and install six new pump stations along the current Line 4 route. The new pump stations would be located in rural areas in Hubbard, McLeod, Meeker, Morrison, Scott, and Wadena counties. No new pipeline would be installed and no new pipeline right-of-way would be acquired for this Project. The new pump stations would be located on parcels already owned by MPL.

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