

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota
Pipe Line Company for a Certificate of Need
for a Crude Oil Pipeline

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ORDER DENYING RECONSIDERATION

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On April 13, 2007, the Commission issued its ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF NEED (Certificate of Need Order) for a crude oil pipeline and associated aboveground facilities to Minnesota Pipeline Company LLC (MPL).

On May 2, 2007, several landowners jointly filed a Petition for Rehearing, Amendment, Vacation, Reconsideration or Re-argument of that Order.

On May 14, 2007, MPL filed a reply to the landowners' petitions for rehearing and reconsideration.

The Commission met on June 7, 2007 to consider this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission has carefully reviewed the entire record and concludes that the petition jointly filed by several landowners seeking reconsideration of the ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF NEED does not raise new issues requiring development, does not point to new and relevant evidence, does not expose errors or ambiguities in the original Order, and does not otherwise persuade the Commission that it should rethink its original decision.

The Commission concludes that its original decision to grant MPL a Certificate of Need for the MinnCann Project is the one most consistent with the facts, the law, and the public interest and will deny the petition for reconsideration.

ORDER

1. The Commission denies the petition filed by the several landowners for reconsideration of the Commission's ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF NEED issued April 13, 2007 in this matter.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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