

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, on) RULE AND REGULATION NO. 183
its own motion, seeking to amend)
Title 291, Chapter 9, Natural Gas)
and Pipeline Rules and Regulations,) PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 1
to adopt rules regarding pipelines)
and to implement the provisions of)
the Major Oil Pipeline Siting Act.) Entered: March 28, 2012

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

On February 14, 2012, the Commission, on its own motion, opened this proceeding to amend Title 291, Chapter 9, Natural Gas and Pipeline Rules and Regulations, to adopt rules regarding pipelines and to implement the provisions of the Major Oil Pipeline Siting Act. Simultaneously, the Commission opened a docket captioned OP-0001/PI-183 to investigate and establish guidelines for the prosecution of applications under the Major Oil Pipeline Siting Act (Act) pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 57-1401 et seq.* Due to the similarities between these dockets, regarding both subject matter and interests, the schedules for both Rule and Regulation #183 and OP-0001/PI-183 will be handled simultaneously.

To date, scheduling under each docket has proceeded as follows: On February 14, 2012, both dockets were opened. Written comments on the proposed rules for Rule and Regulation #183 are due on March 30, 2012. Written comments on the Proposed Planning Conference Order for OP-0001/PI-183 are due on April 13, 2012. A workshop on the Proposed Planning Conference Order for OP-0001/PI-183 is scheduled for May 8, 2012.

Based on comments received, Commission staff intends to release a second set of proposed rules under Rule and Regulation #183 on April 24, 2012. A hearing on the Second Set of Proposed Rules under Rule and Regulation #183 and a hearing on the Planning Conference Order under OP-0001/PI-183 shall be set for May 21, 2012.

The Commission finds that a hearing shall be scheduled for **May 21, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. CDT** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 the Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. This hearing shall be in the legislative format, which consists of interested parties giving testimony before the Commission. Parties are not sworn in and there is no opportunity for cross examination.

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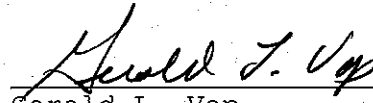
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that scheduling for Rule and Regulation #183 and OP-0001/PI-183 be, and it is hereby, consolidated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing shall be scheduled for May 21, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 the Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 28th day of March, 2012.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY:


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