**STATE OF IOWA**

**IOWA UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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| IN RE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (company name) |  DOCKET NO. P-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

# **PETITION FOR PIPELINE PERMIT**

COMES NOW\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner, and pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 479 states:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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I

Petitioner is a corporation existing under the laws of the State of .
It is authorized to transact business in the State of Iowa. Its principal office is located at

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II

Petitioner proposes to construct approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miles of \_\_\_\_\_\_-inch diameter pipeline for the transportation of natural gas in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County/counties, Iowa. Attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference is a legal description, by county, of the route over which the proposed pipeline will be constructed.

III

Attached as Exhibit B and incorporated by reference is a map showing the starting point, route, and terminus of the pipeline, the location of all public roads, railroad right-of-way, buildings, and bodies of water along the route of the proposed pipeline and other pertinent features of the route.

IV

Attached as Exhibit C and incorporated by reference are engineering specifications covering materials and manner of construction of the proposed pipeline, maximum and normal operating pressures, and other pertinent information as requested upon the form provided by the Utilities Commission.

V

 Petitioner owns property in the State of Iowa (exclusive of pipelines) subject to execution, of a value of at least $250,000, or posts a surety bond or other security to be approved by the Utilities Commission in like amount, to cover damages that may be legally recovered against it and that result from the operation of this pipeline within the State of Iowa, as shown by Exhibit “D,” attached to and incorporated by reference.

VI

 Unless otherwise indicated, no part of the proposed facilities will be constructed longitudinally on, over or under any public road or railroad right-of-way or at other than an approximate right angle.

 Where such construction is contemplated, attached as Exhibit “E” and incorporated by reference are consents or other showings of right from the appropriate public road authorities or railroad companies.

 If, during construction, it is found that longitudinal occupancy or an other-than-approximate right angle crossing not contemplated is necessary, and written consent or other showing of right is required, evidence showing consent will be filed with the Utilities Commission.

VII

 Attached as Exhibit F and incorporated by reference is (1) a statement of the purpose of the project and a description of how the services rendered by the pipeline will promote the public convenience and necessity; (2) a general statement covering each of the following topics: the nature of the lands, waters, and public or private facilities to be crossed; the possible use of alternative routes; the relationship of the proposed pipeline to present and future land use and zoning ordinances; and the inconvenience or undue injury that may result to property owners as a result of the proposed project; and (3) for an existing pipeline, the year of original construction and a description of any amendments or reportable changes since the permit or latest renewal permit was issued.

VIII

**\*** Attached as Exhibit G and incorporated by reference is an affidavit that informational meetings, where required by Iowa Code § 479.5, were held in each county affected by the proposed pipeline and stating the time and place of each meeting. Exhibit G includes copies of the mailed notice letter and published notice(s) for each meeting.

IX

 Petitioner will advise the Utilities Commission at least one week prior to the commencement of the construction contemplated. If the construction requires one week or more, Petitioner will furnish to the Utilities Commission a progress report at the end of each week showing the progress of the various phases of construction.

 Petitioner will allow Utilities Commission personnel full access to construction sites and records for the purpose of inspecting the manner and progress of construction activities, and to all facilities and records after the pipeline is placed in service for the purpose of inspecting the manner in which it is operated and maintained.

X

 Unless otherwise indicated, all design, construction, testing, operation, and maintenance will be in accordance with the appropriate federal and state regulations and standards.

Petitioner will test the proposed facilities upon completion in accordance with the appropriate regulations and standards. Petitioner will notify the Utilities Commission prior to testing, and after completion of testing will file with the Utilities Commission a report setting forth the method of testing and results of the test.

XI

**\*** Petitioner is requesting the use of the right of eminent domain for securing right-of-way for the proposed pipeline project. Specific description of the lands sought to be condemned is shown in Exhibit H, attached and incorporated by reference.

XII

 Petitioner has previously filed or will file with the Utilities Commission a statement as to how damage claims will be determined and paid, and copies have been or will be provided to affected parties in accordance with the rules of the Utilities Commission.

XIII

Petitioner will comply with the provisions of Iowa Code § 479.29 and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Utilities Commission for the restoration of agricultural lands during and after pipeline construction. Attached as Exhibit “I” and incorporated by reference is a Land Restoration Plan that shall include but not be limited to (1) a brief description of the purpose and nature of the pipeline construction project; (2) a description of the sequence of events that will occur during pipeline construction; (3) a description of how compliance with 199 Iowa Administrative Code 9.5(1) to 9.5(13) will be accomplished; and (4) the plan should include the point of contact for landowner inquiries or claims as provided for in 199 Iowa Administrative Code 9.6.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that:

1. The Utilities Commission set a time and place for hearing on the Petition for Permit, and that proper notice be prepared for publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in County/counties, Iowa. Petitioner will make available to the public a map of the proposed route, a copy of which is attached to this petition, and requests the notice for publication state: (Indicate which)

 a. A map showing the proposed route is published with the notice; or,

 b. A map of the proposed route may be obtained free of charge by calling
\_\_\_-\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ or by writing to: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Petitioner be granted a Permit pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 479 to construct, operate and maintain a pipeline for the transportation of natural gas, and for such purpose to lay pipes, place pumps, pressure apparatus or other stations, devices or equipment used in or upon such pipeline which are necessary, under, along, over or across any public and private highways, grounds, waters or streams of any kind in the State of Iowa, or the lands of any person, company or corporation in the State of Iowa.

\* 3. Petitioner be granted the right of eminent domain to acquire necessary interests in land.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

 (Company)

 By

 (Digital or typed signature)\*\*

 (Name - printed)

 (Title)

**\*** Strike if not applicable.

\*\* If written signature, please redact before filing.

**AFFIDAVIT**

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| STATE OF COUNTY OF  | } | ss: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

 I, , state under oath that I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (Official Title)

of Petitioner named above and that I have authority to execute this instrument and that I have read the Petition, know the contents, and that the statements are true and correct.

 (Signature of Affiant)

 Subscribed and sworn to before me by ,

this day of , 20 .

 Notary Public

Instructions for Filing a Petition for Pipeline Permit

This form is to be used when filing a petition for permit prior to construction of a new intrastate natural gas pipeline.

Rules regarding filing a petition for permit for intrastate gas pipelines and underground gas storage are found in 199 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) chapter 10. General filing rules are found in 199 IAC chapter 7. Rules regarding electronic filing with the Iowa Utilities Commission are found in 199 IAC chapter 14.

The petition and exhibits must be filed with the Iowa Utilities Commission by uploading a document or collection of documents into the Iowa Utilities Commission’s electronic filing system at <https://efs.iowa.gov/efs/>.

If any map, drawing, or oversized document cannot be printed on 11x17 inch or smaller-sized paper in legible and usable form, an original plus four paper copies must be filed in addition to the electronic copy. See 199 IAC 14.8(1).

Any paper copies required must be mailed or delivered to:

Chief Operating Officer

Iowa Utilities Commission

1375 E. Court Ave.

Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

See the rules for additional details and exceptions to the general requirements described above.

If you have any questions, contact Sanel Lisinovic at 515-518-5144 or sanel.lisinovic@iuc.iowa.gov.