

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of	)	
<b>MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY</b>	)	
for authority to construct and operate the	)	Case No. U-12141
North Chester 19A Pipeline in Otsego County.	)	
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At the November 16, 1999 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. John G. Strand, Chairman  
Hon. David A. Svanda, Commissioner  
Hon. Robert B. Nelson, Commissioner

**ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION**

On October 1, 1999, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company (Mich Con) filed an application, pursuant to the provisions of 1929 PA 9, as amended, MCL 483.101 et seq.; MSA 22.1311 et seq., requesting authority to construct and operate the North Chester 19A Pipeline.

The proposed pipeline will consist of a 3-1/2 inch outer diameter line approximately 0.6 miles long, extending from a point of interconnection with the existing 6-inch North Chester 19 Well Lateral in the SE 1/4 of Section 19 to a point of interconnection with the existing 6-inch North Chester Pipeline in the NW1/4 of Section 20, all in T30N, R2W, Chester Township, Otsego County.

The proposed pipeline will allow the complete separation of gas produced from the Niagaran formations and Antrim formations in the area surrounding its route. The separated gas will allow for more efficient use of local carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) treatment plants, which treat Antrim gas to remove CO<sub>2</sub>.

Attached to the application are engineering specifications covering the construction, testing, and operation of the pipeline to demonstrate compliance with the Michigan Gas Safety Code and a map showing the location of the proposed pipeline. The maximum allowable operating pressure of the pipeline will be 1,440 pounds per square inch gauge, and its estimated cost is \$95,840.

After reviewing the application, the Commission finds that the pipeline will serve the public convenience and necessity and that ex parte approval is appropriate.

The Commission FINDS that:

- a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1929 PA 9, as amended, MCL 483.101 et seq.; MSA 22.1311 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.51 et seq.; MSA 22.1 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; MSA 22.13(1) et seq.; 1969 PA 165, as amended, MCL 483.151 et seq.; MSA 22.1332(1) et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; MSA 3.560(101) et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1992 AACCS, R 460.17101 et seq.
- b. The map, route, and type of construction of the North Chester 19A Pipeline should be approved.
- c. The pipeline is practicable in that it will provide an economic means of delivering natural gas to market.
- d. The pipeline will meet the requirements of the Michigan Gas Safety Code if constructed, tested, and operated as proposed.
- e. The pipeline will serve the public convenience and necessity.

f. The public interest will be adequately protected without the time and expense of a public hearing.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Michigan Consolidated Gas Company is authorized to construct and operate the North Chester 19A Pipeline in Otsego County, as proposed in its application filed on October 1, 1999 and subject to the requirements of 1929 PA 9, as amended, MCL 483.101 et seq.; MSA 22.1311 et seq.

B. The map, route, and type of construction of the North Chester 19A Pipeline are approved.

C. Within 60 days after construction, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company shall file a completion report including pressure test data and a map of the North Chester 19A Pipeline as constructed.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26; MSA 22.45.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

( S E A L )

/s/ John G. Strand  
Chairman

By its action of November 16, 1999.

/s/ David A. Svanda  
Commissioner

/s/ Dorothy Wideman  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Robert B. Nelson Its  
Commissioner

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B. The map, route, and type of construction of the North Chester 19A Pipeline are approved.

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated November 16, 1999 granting Michigan Consolidated Gas Company authority to construct and operate the North Chester 19A Pipeline in Otsego County, as set forth in the order.”