

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of)	
HILDEN OIL COMPANY, INC. , for authority)	
to construct and operate the Isabella 18)	Case No. U-15135
Pipeline in Isabella County.)	
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At the December 12, 2006 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. J. Peter Lark, Chairman
Hon. Laura Chappelle, Commissioner
Hon. Monica Martinez, Commissioner

ORDER

On November 16, 2006, Hilden Oil Company, Inc. (Hilden), filed an application, pursuant to the provisions of 1929 PA 9, as amended, MCL 483.101 *et seq.*, requesting authority to construct and operate the Isabella 18 Pipeline. The proposed 0.64 mile, 2.375 inch outside diameter steel pipeline will commence at Hilden’s Isabella 18 Central Production Facility located in the NE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 18, Isabella Township, and proceeding northerly to a point of interconnection with Michigan Consolidated Gas Company’s Isabella 18 Extension Pipeline located in the NW/4 of Section 17, all in T15N, R4W, Isabella Township, Isabella County. The Isabella 18 Pipeline will be used to efficiently transport natural gas to market by way of the existing gas transmission system.

Attached to the application are engineering specifications covering the construction, testing, and operation of the pipeline to demonstrate compliance with the Michigan Gas Safety Standards;

a map showing the location of the pipeline; and an environmental assessment. The maximum allowable operating pressure of the pipeline is 1,480 pounds per square inch gauge and the cost of the pipeline is approximately \$379,662. After reviewing the application and its exhibits, 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.*; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.51 *et seq.*; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 *et seq.*; 1969 PA 165, as amended, MCL 483.151 *et seq.*; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 *et seq.*
- b. The map, route, and type of construction of the Isabella 18 Pipeline should be approved.
- c. The Isabella 18 Pipeline is practicable in that it provides an economic means of delivering natural gas to market.
- d. The Isabella 18 Pipeline will meet the requirements of the Michigan Gas Safety Standards if constructed, tested, and operated as proposed.
- e. The Isabella 18 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. Hilden Oil Company, Inc., is authorized to construct and operate the Isabella 18 Pipeline in Isabella County as proposed in its application filed on November 16, 2006 and subject to the requirements of 1929 PA 9, as amended, MCL 483.101 *et seq.*

B. The map, route, and type of construction of the Isabella 18 Pipeline are approved.

C. Within 60 days after construction, Hilden Oil Company, Inc., shall file a completion report including pressure test data and a map of the Isabella 18 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.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ J. Peter Lark
Chairman

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/s/ Laura Chappelle
Commissioner

/s/ Monica Martinez
Commissioner

By its action of December 12, 2006.

/s/ Mary Jo Kunkle
Its Executive Secretary

B. The map, route, and type of construction of the Isabella 18 Pipeline are approved.

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