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Re: Application of Wisconsin Gas LLC, as a Gas Public Utility, 6650-CG-226  
for Authority to Replace Natural Gas Distribution Main in  
the City of West Allis, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

To the Person Addressed:

Wisconsin Gas LLC (WG) filed an application with the Public Service Commission on December 9, 2011, seeking authority to construct new natural gas main and related facilities in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. The proposed new gas main would replace existing gas main built in 1949, although on a partially different route.

This is a Type II action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(2). It requires the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) to determine if an environmental impact statement (EIS) is necessary under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. The Gas and Energy Division completed a detailed environmental review of the proposed project and has prepared an EA. A preliminary determination indicates that no significant environmental impacts on the human environment are likely to occur as a result of the construction and operation of this project. Therefore, preparation of an EIS is not required.

Comments on the environmental aspects of the proposed project were solicited in a letter from the Commission dated May 3, 2012. Most of the comments received were seeking further information about the project or whether current work in the streets in front of their homes was related to the proposed project. Commenters also noted that the proposed route passes near schools and city parks. The Commission intends to consider the application without a hearing.

WG is proposing to install:

- Approximately 11,800 feet of 30-inch steel main starting at the 124th and Cleveland regulator station (675 feet north of the intersection of S. 124th St. and W. Cleveland Ave.), south to W. Cleveland Ave., then east along W. Cleveland Ave. to W. National Ave., then northeast along W. National Ave. to just east of I-894, and finally south along the electric facilities corridor and ending at W. Cleveland Ave.
- Approximately 19,500 feet of 24-inch steel main starting just east of I-894 and W. Cleveland Ave. ending at the regulator station located at S. 47th St. and W. Lincoln Ave.
- Approximately 2,600 feet of 24-inch steel main starting at the intersection of Hwy. 100 and W. Cleveland Ave. and ending at the intersection of Hwy. 100 and W. Lincoln Ave.
- Approximately 2,600 feet of 8-inch steel main starting at the intersection of W. Cleveland Ave. and S. 92nd St. and ending at the intersection of W. Lincoln Ave. and S. 92nd St.

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There are three navigable waterways occurring along the project route, the Root River, an unnamed tributary to the Root River (locally known as Hale Creek), and Honey Creek. Small wetland areas also border the Root River and Hale Creek. While the gas main replacement would cross these waterways and wetlands, no impacts to them would result, as all crossings would be completed using horizontal directional drilling (HDD) that avoids disturbance to the beds of the waterways.

No archeological sites, threatened or endangered species, or other rare or unique environmental resources would be affected by the project.

The construction of the proposed project would result in short-term, localized increases in erosion and runoff, odors, noise, vibrations, and air quality degradation, all of which are expected to be minor.

Almost all construction work would occur in existing road pavement and medians. There would be traffic disruptions and lane closures from the construction. Driveways may be blocked for limited periods of time.

The construction of the proposed gas line could also create a nuisance disturbance. Noise and vibrations generated from construction equipment could be bothersome to nearby residences. These effects would be short-term and would end when construction is complete.

Copies of the EA are available upon request. Comments on the findings of no significant impact for the proposed natural gas main project should be sent to Kathleen Zuelsdorff, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854, by phone at (608) 266-2730, or via e-mail at [kathy.zuelsdorff@wisconsin.gov](mailto:kathy.zuelsdorff@wisconsin.gov). Comments must be received by end of day, June 22, 2012.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Kathleen J. Zuelsdorff*

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