BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF:
Notice Pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act of an Application to a Federal Agency by Pilot Pipeline LLC to Construct a Natural Gas Pipeline | Docket No. 19-________

NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT OF AN APPLICATION TO A FEDERAL AGENCY BY PILOT PIPELINE LLC TO CONSTRUCT A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the Nevada Utility Environmental Protection Act (“UEPA”), Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”) Sections 704.820 to 704.900 and Sections 703.415 to 703.427 of the Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”), Pilot Pipeline LLC (“Pilot”), hereby files a Notice with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("Commission") that Pilot has filed an application with a federal agency to allow Pilot to construct a natural gas pipeline on privately owned land, county road right of way and federally owned land under the management of the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") in Elko County, Nevada (collectively, the “Pilot Pipeline Project” or “Project”).

All correspondence related to this Notice should be sent to the undersigned:
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970-928-9208

The Project falls within the definition of a "utility facility" pursuant to NRS 704.860.3, because it is a gas transmission pipeline constructed outside an incorporated city. The proposed 54-mile pipeline is nearly entirely located within or directly adjacent public roads maintained by Elko County. Some 26 miles are located on federal land, where the BLM is required to conduct an environmental analysis for that portion of the Project. The environmental review for that portion of the Project will be conducted by the BLM pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”), 42 U.S.C. §4321. Accordingly, this Notice is being filed pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(a) for that portion of the Project. For any portion of the Project that is not subject to federal environmental review, an Environmental Statement will be prepared pursuant to NAC 703.423(7)(b). No later than 30 days after the issuance of the final federal environmental document, Pilot will file a UEPA Application with the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(b) that contains the federal environmental document as well as the Environmental Statement. Upon submission of the Application and supporting documents, Pilot Pipeline will seek a Permit to Construct (“PTC”) the Project from the Commission.
II. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY NAC 703.421

The following Notice was prepared pursuant to NRS 704.870.2(a) and NAC 703.421.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person who filed the application with the appropriate federal agency (NAC 703.421.1).

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2. The date on which the application was filed with the appropriate federal agency (NAC 703.421.2).

   The SF 299 for the Project was filed with the BLM on March 21, 2019.

3. A general description of the location of the proposed utility facility (NAC 703.421.3).

   The proposed pipeline will tie into Ruby Pipeline approximately 50 miles northwest of West Wendover. From Ruby it will run southward near the Montello community, Pilot Valley and along Interstate 80 into the outskirts of West Wendover, all in Elko County. The proposed 54-mile corridor is 99% located within or directly adjacent public roads maintained by Elko County. The underlying and adjacent land is about half federal BLM land and half private land. An overall area map is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

4. A general description of the proposed utility facility (NAC 703.421.4).

   Pilot will build a 4-inch natural gas transmission pipeline to supply natural gas to Wendover Gas utility for distribution in several locations. Ancillary facilities include 5 inline underground block valves and about 10 small meter and regulator facilities.

5. Proof that a copy of the notice has been submitted to the Nevada State Clearinghouse within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (NAC 703.421.5).

   A copy of this Notice has been submitted to the Regulatory Operations Staff of the Commission, the Nevada Attorney General’s Bureau of Consumer Protection, Nevada State Clearinghouse, the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Environmental Protection, Nevada Department of Wildlife, the Elko County Clerk and others as listed on Certificate of Service.
6. Proof that a public notice of this application was given to persons residing in the municipalities entitled to receive notice by the publication of a summary of the application in newspapers published and distributed in the area in which the utility facility is proposed to be located (NRS 704.870(4)(B)).

A copy of the Affidavit of Publication of the public notice of this application is attached hereto as Exhibit B. A copy of the draft notice pursuant to NAC 703.162 is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

7. Proof of Compliance with the Nevada Department of Wildlife Energy Cost Recovery Fund Program (NRS 701.600-640).

Pilot has contacted DOW and this application is in progress.

III. CONCLUSION

Pilot Pipeline LLC will submit its UEPA Application at the conclusion of the federal environmental review process. At that time, it will request that the Commission issue to it a UEPA Permit to Construct the Pilot Pipeline pursuant to NRS 704.870(2) and NAC 703.423.

Respectfully submitted on March 21, 2019

Steven Shute
Member-Manager, Pilot Pipeline LLC
EXHIBIT A

OVERVIEW MAP
Pilot Pipeline

Ruby to Wen Proposed Pipeline

Proposed BV/Taps Pilot PL

I, Seana K. Chapman, Legal Clerk of the *Elko Daily Free Press*, published daily at Elko, Nevada, do solemnly swear that a copy of NOTICE/PILOT PIPELINE, as per clipping attached, was published on March 21, 2019, in the regular and entire issue of the above said newspaper, with general circulation of Elko and Lander counties, and not in any supplement thereof, for ONE (1) week commencing with the issue dated March 21, 2019, and ending with the issue dated as March 21, 2019, with no subsequent publications being made.

Seana K. Chapman
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 21st day of March, 2019.

[Signature]

Notary Public
Elko County
Nevada
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA PURSUANT TO THE UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT OF AN APPLICATION TO A FEDERAL AGENCY BY PILOT PIPELINE LLC TO CONSTRUCT A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

Pilot Pipeline LLC is submitting a Notice to the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (the “Commission”), pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act ("UEPA"), Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 704, Sections .280 to .900, and Nevada Administrative Code, Chapter 703, Sections .415 to .427, of an application filed with the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") to construct the Pilot Pipeline, a natural gas transmission line along a 54-mile corridor including about 95 acres of BLM-managed federal land and 103 acres of county road and private land. The proposed pipeline will tie into Ruby Pipeline approximately 50 miles northwest of West Wendover and run nearby Montello, Pilot Valley and along Interstate 80 into West Wendover, all in Elko County, Nevada.

The Notice will include, but is not limited to:

1. A description of the location of the Proposed Facility;

2. A general description of the Proposed Facility:

3. Proof that Notice has been submitted to the Nevada State Clearinghouse within the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources;

4. Proof that a public notice of the Notice was given to the persons residing in the municipalities entitled to receive notice by the publication of a summary of the Notice in a newspaper published and distributed in the area in which the Proposed Facility is proposed to be located; and

5. Proof of compliance with the Nevada Department of Wildlife Energy Cost Recovery Fund Program.

A copy of the Notice will be available on the Commission’s website following its filing by Pilot Pipeline LLC. Additional information about the UEPA process and a person’s right to participate in the process can be found in NRS and NAC Chapters 703 and 704.
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

It is hereby certified that on March 21, 2019, a true and correct copy of the Attached Notice Pursuant To The Utility Environmental Protection Act Of An Application To A Federal Agency By Pilot Pipeline LLC to Construct A Natural Gas Pipeline was served via electronic mail on the following parties:

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Dated: March 21, 2019

[Signature]

Steven Shute, Manager Pilot Pipeline LLC
March 21, 2019

Stephanie Mullen, Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
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Re: Notice Pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act of an Application to a Federal Agency by Pilot Pipeline LLC to Construct a Natural Gas Pipeline

Dear Ms. Mullen:

Enclosed for filing is the Notice pursuant to the UEPA of an application to BLM by Pilot Pipeline LLC for a natural gas pipeline to serve West Wendover and other communities.

A copy of this application will be delivered concurrently with this filing to the Clerk of Elko County, and to the Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation of Natural Resources among others.

Please direct any questions on this filing to me at the contacts below.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Steven Shute, PE
Member-Manager