

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of)
WASHINGTON 10 STORAGE CORPORATION for)
a certificate of public convenience and necessity)
to increase the maximum stabilized wellhead) Case No. U-14529
pressure of its storage reservoir in Washington)
Township and the Village of Romeo, Michigan, and)
to construct and operate a pipeline in Macomb)
County, Michigan.)
_____)

At the August 16, 2005 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 APPROVING APPLICATION

On May 26, 2005, Washington 10 Storage Corporation (Washington 10) submitted an application, testimony, and accompanying exhibits in support of its proposed expansion project.

Washington 10 has requested:

- (1) Issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Washington 10 to increase the maximum stabilized wellhead pressure of the storage reservoir located in Washington Township and the Village of Romeo, Michigan;¹ and
- (2) *Ex parte* approval of the construction and operation of a 2,200-foot 24-inch lateral pipeline to loop an existing pipeline extending from the Washington 10 compression station site to interconnections with Michigan Consolidated Gas Company (MichCon) and Vector Pipeline Company (Vector).

¹ The part of Washington 10's application regarding an increase in the maximum stabilized wellhead pressure of the storage reservoir is set for a hearing pursuant to MCL 486.252.

The proposed 24 inch, 2,200-foot, steel pipeline will loop an existing 24-inch pipeline extending from the Washington 10 compressor station site to the 36-inch pipelines of Mich Con and Vector, respectively. The proposed pipeline will be located in Section 14, T4N, R12E in Washington Township, Macomb County.

Filed with 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 impact report. The maximum allowable operating pressure of the pipeline is 2,122 pounds per square inch gauge (psig), and the cost of the pipeline is approximately \$1,670,000. Washington 10 states that it has all necessary rights-of-way to construct the lateral transmission pipeline, which will be located within an existing utility easement. After reviewing the application, the Commission finds that Washington 10's proposed pipeline will serve the public convenience and necessity and that *ex parte* approval is appropriate.

The Commission therefore 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 proposed pipeline should be approved.
- c. Washington 10 pipeline is practicable because it provides an economic means of delivering natural gas to market.
- d. The Washington 10 pipeline will meet the requirements of the Michigan Gas Safety Standards if constructed, tested, and operated as proposed.

- e. The Washington 10 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. Washington 10 Storage Corporation is authorized to construct and operate the lateral transmission pipeline in Macomb County as proposed in its application filed on May 26, 2005, and subject to the requirements of 1929 PA 9, as amended, MCL 483.101 *et seq.*

B. The map, route, and type of construction for the Washington 10 lateral pipeline are approved.

C. Within 60 days after construction, Washington 10 Storage Corporation shall file a completion report including pressure test data and a map of the Washington 10 lateral 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

(S E A L)

/s/ Laura Chappelle
Commissioner

/s/ Monica Martinez
Commissioner

By its action of August 16, 2005.

/s/ Mary Jo Kunkle
Its Executive Secretary

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P R O O F O F S E R V I C E

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County of Ingham)

Patricia A. Fronta being duly sworn, deposes and says that on August 16th 2005, A.D. she served a copy of the attached Commission order by first class mail, postage prepaid, or by inter-departmental mail, to the persons as shown on the attached service list.

Patricia Fronta

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 16th day of August 2005

Notary Public, Eaton County
Acting in Ingham, County, Michigan
My Commission expires June 5, 2007

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