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Attention: Public Officials

Re: EFG Centra Pipeline Facilities

As a part of our Public Awareness Program, Energy Fundamentals Group, L.P. (EFG), owner/operator of Centra Pipelines, is sending the attached information to public officials in the area of our pipeline facilities to make them aware of our facilities and to request your cooperation by considering our pipeline facilities in planning and zoning and permitting decisions. Most incidents that occur on pipeline facilities are the result of some type of human intervention. The decisions made by public officials can have a significant impact on the safe operation of pipeline facilities by controlling how property in the vicinity of our pipeline is used. The attached document provides valuable information regarding our facilities that should be considered in your planning and permitting process.

You can find more information on Centra, including our Emergency Management Program, by visiting <https://centrapipelines.com>. Centra's Emergency Management Program was also sent to the appropriate emergency response officials in your area.

EFG is committed to the continued safe operation of our pipeline facilities. EFG is also committed to the safe and environmentally responsible abandonment of facilities if and as required. Your assistance in helping us uphold that commitment is appreciated. If you ever have any questions regarding our pipeline facilities please contact me.

Regards,

Mike Pelletier

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Pipeline Purpose and Reliability

Energy Fundamentals Group (EFG) owns and operates natural gas transmission facilities (Centra Pipelines) in Manitoba, Minnesota and Ontario; the facilities transport natural gas to Local Distribution Companies (LDC) and industrial customers. The communities served by these LDC and the industrial customers by region are:

In Manitoba - Manitoba Hydro (LDC)

- Sun Gro

In Minnesota - Minnesota Energy Resources (LDC)

- Roseau
- Lakewood
- Warroad
- Baudette
- International Falls
- Boise Cascade Co.

In Ontario - Union Gas (LDC)

- Rainy River
- Pinewood
- Stratton
- Manitou Rapids
- Barwick
- Emo
- Devlin
- Fort Frances

Most of the facilities operated by EFG were installed in 1970 and have been in operation since then. EFG purchased the facilities in 2003. The facilities consist of a single source/single barrel pipeline, most of which is 12 inches in diameter operating at up to 802 psi. Gas transported is odorized so it is readily detectable if there is a leak. There are two gas turbine compressor stations and numerous valve, regulator, and metering stations along the pipeline. All facilities are operated and maintained in accordance with the regulatory requirements of the National Energy Board in Canada and the Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration/Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety in the United States. Operating and maintaining the facilities to rigorous standards has resulted in many years of reliable and safe service.

Awareness of hazards and preventative measures

Pipelines are the safest method of transporting natural gas. Pipeline operators, including EFG Centra Pipelines, must comply with stringent standards and regulations in the operation and maintenance of their natural gas facilities. That being said, there are inherent hazards associated with the operation of natural gas facilities and incidents do rarely occur.

As public officials you can assist EFG in minimizing hazards to the public by providing the following:

- Make sure your planning/zoning and permitting processes consider the proximity of the pipeline, especially where schools, medical facilities, nursing homes, daycare and like facilities are concerned.

- Do not allow construction too close to the pipeline right of way. If public officials become aware of encroachments on pipeline right of way please notify EFG immediately.
- Whenever possible, avoid the pipeline when planning for sewer, water, drainage and other infrastructure installations.

Emergency Preparedness

EFG maintains liaison with local emergency response agencies in the area of its pipelines. This allows for:

- Sharing information about EFG's responsibilities and resources.
- Learning about emergency response organizations that may respond to gas pipeline emergencies.
- Educating emergency responders as to the types of emergencies that can occur at a pipeline facility.
- Planning how EFG and emergency responders can assist each other in minimizing hazards to life and property in case of a pipeline emergency.

EFG conducts training and awareness sessions with emergency responders on a regular basis. Please contact us if your organization is interested in participating in one of our emergency response training and awareness sessions.

Potential Hazards

Some of the potential hazards associated with the operation of pipelines are obvious such as gas detected near or inside buildings, fire or explosions near or directly involving pipeline facilities. Some potential hazards are not so obvious... natural forces such as flooding can remove soil cover from over the top of the pipe exposing the pipe to other outside forces and damage.

The most common cause of pipeline incidents is third party damage, that is, damage caused by contractors, excavators, farmers and property owners while they are digging or moving dirt in the area of the pipeline. Again, public officials can assist EFG in protecting its facilities from damage by considering the location of pipeline facilities in your permitting process.

Pipeline Location Information

The attached map shows the general location of our pipeline and associated facilities. The location of the pipeline is marked with signs, generally every ¼ mile, and at all railroad and road crossings. If there is ever any question as to the location of EFG's facilities please contact the Rainy River field office. To obtain locations for excavation purposes contact Gopher State One Call at 1-800-252-1166 (MN), Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255 (ON), or 1-800-940-3447 for locates in Manitoba. Pipeline location information in the United States is also available from the National Pipeline Mapping System <http://www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov/default.htm>. Canada's National Energy Board also has an interactive map application on their website at <http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/sftnvrnmnt/sft/dshbrd/mp/index-eng.html>.



What Public Officials Should Know About Our Pipeline

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