

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
HEARINGS DIVISION**

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 01-0302387**

**IN THE BRISCOE RANCH (EAGLEFORD)
FIELD, DIMMIT COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER
APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF
WILLIAMS MLP OPERATING, LLC FOR A PERMIT
TO CONSTRUCT A SOUR GAS PIPELINE FACILITY,
THE DILLY RICH GGS/VALLEY WELLS LATERAL EXTENSION,
DIMMIT COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after notice and opportunity for hearing, the above-numbered docketed application meets the requirements of Statewide Rule 106 (16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.106 Sour Gas Pipeline Construction Permit.) The proceedings having been duly submitted to the Railroad Commission of Texas at conference held in its office in Austin, Texas, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On November 8, 2016, the Commission received a complete application from Williams MLP Operating, LLC for a permit to construct a sour gas pipeline facility in Dimmit County, Texas.
2. On September 26, 2016, Williams MLP Operating, LLC filed a copy of the application with the County Clerk offices of Dimmit County, Texas.
3. On September 29, October 6, October 13, October 20, and October 27, 2016, Williams MLP Operating, LLC published notice of the application in the South Texas Star, a newspaper of general circulation in Dimmit County, Texas, for a period of five (5) consecutive weeks.
4. The Commission's Oversight and Safety Division has reviewed Form T-4 (Application for Permit to Operate a Pipeline in Texas) and recommends the pipeline permit be issued.
5. The Commission's Field Operations Section has reviewed the Form H-9 (Certificate of Compliance with Statewide Rule 36), contingency plan and supporting data for the subject sour gas pipeline and recommends the pipeline permit be issued.
6. On November 22, 2016, the application was received for review by the Commission's Hearings Division.

7. No protests were filed by the 30th day after the notice of application was published.
8. On December 15, 2016, the Technical Examiner recommended that the permit be issued by the Commission at the next available conference.
9. The pipeline will be located south of Highway 85 in Dimmit County and will cross Highway 468 near the Dimmit/La Salle County line.
10. The 12-inch steel sour gas pipeline will be approximately 0.81 miles (4,279 feet) in length and will connect into an existing pipeline system.
11. The pipeline will transport approximately 91,000 thousand cubic feet (Mcf) gas per day containing 10,000 parts per million (ppm) hydrogen sulfide (H₂S).
12. The maximum operating pressure of the pipeline will be 720 psig.
13. The system will be equipped with low/high pressure emergency shutdown systems along the line and all pipeline and compressor station operations will be remotely monitored 24 hours per day via a SCADA system.
14. Pipeline materials and construction meet the NACE and API standards, as required by Statewide Rule 36 for hydrogen sulfide service.
15. The pipeline will be constructed subject to Commission inspections for compliance with the appropriate Commission Rules pursuant to Statewide Rule 36.
16. The 100 ppm radius of exposure ("ROE") of the pipeline is 1,095 feet and includes four (4) public impact points that have been identified in the application.
17. The 500 ppm ROE of the pipeline is 245 feet and includes four (4) public impact points that have been identified in the application.
18. Williams MLP Operating, LLC shall maintain a chemical treating program and cathodic protection system to help prevent corrosion of the pipe.
19. The line will be buried a minimum of 4 feet and will be properly marked with H₂S and operator identification signs along the right of way and road crossings.
20. The contingency plan submitted by Williams MLP Operating, LLC complies with the provisions of Statewide Rule 36(c)(9).

21. The materials to be used in and method of construction and operation of the facility comply with the applicable rules and safety standards adopted by the Commission.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Resolution of the subject application is a matter committed to the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Tex. Nat. Res. Code § 81.051
2. All notice requirements have been satisfied. 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 3.106
3. The application complies with Statewide Rule 106. 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 3.106
4. Approving the application for a permit to construct and operate the proposed sour gas pipeline is consistent with the rules and safety standards adopted by the Commission.

Therefore, it is **ORDERED** by the Railroad Commission of Texas that the application of Williams MLP Operating, LLC to construct and operate a sour gas pipeline, the Dilly Rich GGS/Valley Wells Lateral Extension, in Dimmit County, Texas, is hereby approved. Williams MLP Operating, LLC shall comply with all applicable rules and safety standards adopted by the Commission for the construction and operation of sour gas pipelines.

It is further **ORDERED** by the Commission that this order shall not be final and effective until 25 days after the Commission's order is signed, unless the time for filing a motion for rehearing has been extended under Tex. Gov't Code §2001.142, by agreement under Tex. Gov't Code §2001.147, or by written Commission Order issued pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2001.146(e). If a timely motion for rehearing of an application is filed by any party at interest, this order shall not become final and effective until such motion is overruled, or if such motion is granted, this order shall be subject to further action by the Commission. Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2001.146(e), the time allotted for Commission action on a motion for rehearing in this case prior to its being overruled by operation of law is hereby extended until 90 days from the date Commission Order is signed.

Done this 24th day of January, 2017.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

**(Order approved and signatures affixed by
Hearings Divisions' Unprotested Master
Order dated January 24, 2017)**