

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
HEARINGS DIVISION**

**OIL & GAS DOCKET NO.
01-0302952**

**FINAL ORDER
GRANTING THE APPLICATION OF WILLIAMS MLP OPERATING LLC
FOR A SOUR GAS PIPELINE PURSUANT TO STATEWIDE RULE 106,
FOX CREEK GGS/LAS COMPADRES LATERAL PIPELINE
McMULLEN 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 December 22, 2016 Williams MLP Operating LLC. filed with the Railroad Commission an application to construct a sour gas pipeline pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.106, the Las Compadres Lateral, McMullen County, Texas.
2. On November 15, 2016 Williams MLP Operating LLC. filed a copy of the application with the County Clerk offices of McMullen County, Texas.
3. On November 16, 2016 Williams MLP Operating LLC published notice of the application in the Progress, a newspaper of general circulation in McMullen County, Texas.
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 January 19, 2017 the application was received for review by the Commission's Hearings Division.
7. No protests were received.

8. On January 20, 2017 the Technical Examiner recommended the application be approved by the Commission at the next available conference.
9. The pipeline will be in a rural sparsely populated area in McMullen County.
 - a. Pipeline Starting point: 28.4898, -98.6716
 - b. Pipeline End Point: 28.5110, 98.6223
10. The proposed 8 inch sour gas pipeline will be approximately 3.74 miles long.
 - a. The pipeline will connect to an existing pipeline.
11. The pipeline will transport up to thirty-one thousand cubic feet ("mcf") gas per day containing 20,000 parts per million ("ppm") hydrogen sulfide.
12. The pipeline will have a maximum allowable operating pressure of 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 1,120 feet.
 - a. Details: There are two residences located within the 100 ppm ROE.
17. The 500 ppm ROE of the pipeline is 295 feet.
 - a. Details: There are two residences located within the within the 500 ppm ROE.
18. The contingency plan submitted by Williams MLP Operating LLC complies with the provisions of Statewide Rule 36(c)(9).
19. 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 Las Compadres Lateral, in McMullen 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 14th day of February, 2017.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

**(Order approved and signatures affixed by
Hearings Divisions' Unprotested Master
Order dated February 14, 2017**