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Dear Community Member/Property Owner:

Midwestern Gas Transmission Company (MGT) held open houses last week to share information about a proposed project to extend MGT's interstate natural gas pipeline system. Landowners raised several questions about the project at the meetings. MGT wants to insure that everyone has the correct information in response to the questions. Additional information is available from our website at www.mgt.nborder.com.

- Pipelines are the nation's safest energy delivery system. Transportation by pipeline is safer than transportation by highway, aviation, marine or railroads. **MGT has not had an incident causing an injury in the last 34 years of operation.** Safety has always been and will continue to be MGT's top priority.
- The U.S. Department of Transportation ("D.O.T.") enforces strict safety standards for construction and requires routine safety checks during the operation of the pipeline. These regulations are located at 49 Code of Federal Regulation Part 192. You can access these regulations at www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr.
- The entire process of planning, designing, locating, constructing, operating and abandoning an interstate natural gas pipeline is highly controlled and regulated by the federal government. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") regulates this process and enforces the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act. MGT also follows the requirements of the Natural Gas Act and the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act.
- During construction all pipeline welds will be x-rayed and the pipeline will be hydrostatically tested prior to in-service. The pipe will be externally coated and cathodically protected to minimize corrosion. The pipeline system will be routinely patrolled by air and ground in accordance with D.O.T. regulations. MGT will work with the landowner/tenant regarding the means for routine access.
- Restoration of land impacted by construction will be performed in accordance with FERC's Upland Erosion Control Revegetation and Maintenance Plan, and Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures. FERC will oversee this process to assure that this is completed properly. MGT will work with landowners to address any special revegetation or restoration needs.
- MGT will propose a route that minimizes impacts to environmentally sensitive areas, including natural springs, whenever possible. If such an area is impacted, MGT will comply with all regulations and laws protecting the area. MGT will perform testing of water wells and natural springs before and after construction in accordance with regulations.

- MGT is seeking the approval from FERC for the construction of one pipeline only for the transportation of natural gas.
- MGT will provide a benefit to your community through the payment of taxes to your local government. MGT estimates that the annual assessment may be as much as \$16,000 per mile of pipe.

We expect that you have additional questions about the proposed MGT Eastern Extension project. Please contact your right-of-way agent or Jim Ehlers, toll free at 1-877-450-3206 with your questions and any issues and concerns that you have about the project.